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To boldly go

This photo may look like something from outer space but it's actually Chris Boxall, framed in the rear wheel of a tow-truck. Boxall is cleaning a year's worth of grime and dirt from the truck in preparation for spring. Maintenance is one of the many duties that Boxall is responsible for during his co-operative at The Highlands Community Learning Centre, something that's giving a lot of people a great deal of hope. See story, page 4.

Soldier writes from Afghanistan

Steven Fleenor sends greetings to his friends in Gelert

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A soldier with the 108th MP Company of the United States military stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan, took the time to write a letter to The Times commending the Canadian Troops he has been working with in Kandahar. He also sends his greetings to friends from the Gelert area, where his parents have owned a cabin for many years.
The U.S. soldier is 27 year-old Steven Fleenor of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. His military base is Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
The Times spoke on the telephone with Steven Fleenor's father, Dr. Larry Fleenor, at his home in Big Stone Gap last week. Dr.

Fleenor said Steven joined the forces for a five-year stint in January of 2001. He was deployed to Afghanistan in January of this year.
Asked when Steven is expected back home, Dr. Fleenor said, "Theoretically in June, but it all depends what happens over there."
Steven plans to get into investigative work when his five-years in the military are completed.
Dr. Fleenor, his wife Betty and their son have many friends in the Gelert area. They have had a cabin on the West Line Road since 1951 and make at least two trips each year to

see SOLDIER page 4

Maple Lake landfill site could be expanded

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The Township of Algonquin Highlands struck gold last week amidst a pile of rubble at the Maple Lake landfill site.
People weren't exactly sorting through layers of rubbish in search of the one rock that would change their lives but instead the discovery revolved more around life expectancy and increased capacity.
The once decrepit and quickly fading landfill site has suddenly gained new vitality, in the form of an extra 25 years. It seems the Maple Lake landfill could easily fill the entire municipality's waste disposal requirements for the next 20 years if the site expands to the south.
In a presentation to council, Lakefield Research, the contractors hired by the municipality in 1999 to ensure the landfill site complied with policies established by the Ministry of the Environment, presented council with a tough and costly decision.
The current certificate of approval needs to be updated.
As it stands the certificate of approval for the existing landfill satisfies a population of no more than 1,500 people and covers an area of 40,000 cubic metres of waste. Based on current waste generation rates, the present life span of the landfill will expire in 2006, said Bruce Harman from Lakefield Research, who helped complete a operations design of the landfill site.
The municipality would be required to amend this certificate of approval to accommodate the MOE requirements set in place three years ago, Harman said. This means the township would have to apply for an amendment this year and then re-apply for a new certificate of approval in 2006 after the landfill reaches it's capacity.
As a solution to the lengthy certificate of approval application process, Lakefield Research has another plan. The consultants are reaching for the skies.
They are proposing to expand the area of the actual dump site and subsequently increase the population figures to accommodate the entire municipality of Algonquin

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Maple Lake landfill site may be available to entire township

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Highlands.

Algonquin Highlands already owns extra land around the currently landfill. In 1999 they started purchasing more land around the Maple Lake dump site. As a result they own approximately 100 acres now, a sizable increase from the 25 acres they had three years ago.

This extra land would boast an additional 20 or more years to the life-span of the landfill.

"It's a great site," said Harman. "Maybe this is the time, if you are changing the certificate of approval anyway, to extend the site."

The proposal doesn't come without any strings attached.

"We are not naive in thinking that nobody would be affected by this," said Michael Lord of Lakefield Research. "we know they would be."

Lord recommended expanding the footprint of the dump to the south. He said the ground water flows in the opposite direction and would not pose any health risks.

The process would be lengthy and costly for the municipality.

Depending on how much effort is expended, including addressing concerns from the public, and including the design and physical work, the certificate of approval could cost Algonquin Highlands upwards of \$200,000 to \$250,000.

"It's nice to have the additional capacity, but we don't want to have any additional expenses," said Councillor Tom Gardner.

Harrison said the council could work out some kind of

Allison Taylor/TIMES



Township of Algonquin Highlands councillors are looking into getting a new Certificate of Approval for the Maple Lake landfill site, located on a curvy road off of North Shore Road near Carnarvon.

payment schedule, so the funds weren't depleted in one giant heap.

The entire process could take anywhere from 18 to 30 months, Lord said.

"The time is now to move forward with the extension of the landfill," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We knew we were going to have to do something. We knew the site didn't have a long life span."

"If 2006 is the magical number, the council at this table needs to make a decision. Why go to the expense to change the certificate of approval for a four-year time-slot?" she added. "You've given us a lot of food for thought."

Harrison said it would be a good investment if the property would accommodate the increase in traffic.

"If you don't have a site to deal with, then you are at the mercy of someone else. Whereas you are in the dri-

ver's seat with a place that has capacity to fill," Lord said.

The first step is to see where the winds are blowing with the MOE and to see if the site is conducive to an expansion, Lord said.

"The other step is the public," said Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed.

As the saying goes, one person's gold is another person's trash.

"I don't know how realistic it is to use the landfill for the entire municipality," said Councillor Tom Gardner.

He said it's difficult to imagine people driving all the way from Dorset to the dump at the Maple Lake site. "It's nice to have the approval, I'm just wondering if there is a need for it."

Just because the landfill was open to the entire municipality doesn't necessarily mean the entire population would have to use it.

"I think we would be remiss if we didn't apply for it," Lord said.

In 1999 the Ministry of the Environment told the former municipality of Stanhope the landfill site was out of compliance. The municipality established a three-year work program including a capacity study, a hydro-geological assessment and the completion of a design and operations plan to be submitted by May 31, Harman said.

As with any landfill site, Lord said public education is essential to make the process move as smoothly as possible.

"People continue to generate waste and it needs to go somewhere," he said.

The council has not yet made a decision.

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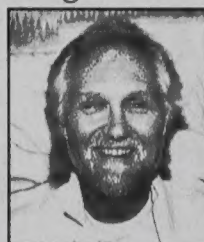


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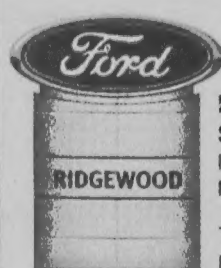
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Sheri Hawkins applauds Township of Minden Hills Councillor Ingram Wessell's stand on the controversial Clean & Clear by-law. She also has some ideas of her own, including rules about dogs on top of doghouses. That's her pooch, the leather-wearing Mr. Nasty, king of his own castle.

To the Editor:

Since Minden Hills is considering whether to re-introduce a clean and clear by-law, I thought I'd pass on some other suggestions of by-laws which would also enhance the aesthetics of the Highlands.

Official By-law Rules. Wishy-washy Top 10 List of possibly visually or odourly offensive garbage-looking or smelling-like things to some under the clean and clear by-law future in Minden and Haliburton Cities:

- 1) Dogs and attached dog houses therein
- All dog houses shall be shingled and painted with Martha Stewart #49 as to ensure city-like curb appeal.
- All dog houses shall have one thermopane window and door with Xmas wreath therein attached.
- All dogs shall be neatly groomed as to ensure they do not appear as discarded mops
- No dog shall lie sit or stand on any said dog house roof.
- All dogs shall, while urinating, cock their legs at an angle not visible to roadside passers-by.
- No dog shall bark in a dog-like manner.
- All Chihuahuas shall address every cottager in a Taco-Bell like manner.

NB: The Clean-and-clear-flea-tic-pee-and-bark inspector shall attend residents' homes for inspection.

2) Trees

- All trees shall be trimmed in the shape of a moose.
- No tree shall appear dead, droopy, leafless or fungus-infested.
- Leaf waste must be hidden from public view in a clean-and-clear-leaf-waste-inspector approved pit; this ensures trees don't develop a negative image and again ensures curb appeal.

3) Canoes/Paddles

- All canoes shall be stored upside down facing roadside so as not to appear sexually

No dog shall lie, sit or stand on any dog house

And other suggested by-laws from democratic freedom-fighter Sheri Hawkins

suggestive or as refuse from a Napoleon theme costume party.

- All paddles shall be invisible from the roadside as not to offend those who were paddled as children.

4) Firewood

- All firewood shall be stacked neatly, 16" long and facing a non-roadside area.

- Only maple is permitted - all lumberjacks shall wear Tommy Hilfiger apparel only.

5) Used Tires

- Used tires are no longer permitted for use as swings or planters as they offend those who can afford to purchase factory-models ones (those are the people we want to attract not the other).
- The Clean-and-Clear-Tire-Swing-and-Planter-Inspector shall inspect all homes displaying above items to assure they are purchased from an authorized and CSA approved manufacturer (the \$5 tire tax was supposed to look after that years ago).

6) Camper Trailers

- All new campers facing roadside shall have door open at all time to ensure that they're not being camped in.
- All derelict campers facing roadside shall have door closed at all times to appear as if they're being camped in.

7) Appliances, bathroom etc.

- Residents are permitted two yardside

appliances.

- All fridges must contain 3 lb. Wilberforce fruitcake, 3 lb. Venison, and 3 cases of beer.
- All toilets must bear professionally produced placards stating Not in Use.
- All bathtubs must bear professional produced placards stating Available for Use during duck hunt season.

- Under the bath and shoot by-law subsection all bathtubs shall contain therein rubber duckies. Towels and facecloths shall be neatly folded in a clean and clear approved mailbox (this ensures that even though the city and its city-like mentality is starting to smother us that hunters still get that spacious open air feeling).

8) Tractors, satellite dishes, motorbikes, snowmobiles, vehicles, boats

- All motor vehicles must not display any dents, bumps, lumps, cracks or paintchips.
- No truck shall display plywood tailgates
- All vehicles facing roadside must start first yank, pull, shove, kick or turn.
- NB: The Clean-and-Clear-Clunker-Clearout-Crew shall inspect all roadside facing vehicles.
- All boats must face roadway as to appear they are floating.
- Behind all boats shall be a background billboard of a lake as to deceive passers by.
- All boat trailers shall be painted Martha

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- No boat motor shall be stored propeller down in a water-filled container which is see-through; said motor could be mistaken for a discarded, industrial-size blender (this falls under appliances).

NB: satellite dishes must also be hidden from public view as they could be mistaken for discarded dinnerware or clip-on earrings for large people.

9) Farm Implements/Manure piles

- All farm implements shall be hidden from roadside view.
- All farms must appear in such a manner as not to appear as a farm.
- All fencing must be painted with Martha Stewart #47 to ensure city-like highway-curb appeal.
- All barns must bear placards stating "Antique Emporium" as to deceive passers-by.
- Manure piles - See #10.

10) Livestock-Farm implements

- Residents are permitted one horse, pig, chicken or cow.
- All livestock waste must be disposed of by owner using the 5L scoop and stoop recyclable bag available from your Clean-and-Clear-Inspector-in-the-Dung-Dept.
- All livestock must be bathed daily in Avon Skin-So-Soft as to remove any livestock-like odour.
- All chickens must lay, cluck or flap in a non-offensive manner.
- All cows must moo in a non-offensive manner.
- All pigs shall oink in a Babe-like manner.
- All horses shall neigh in a Black Beauty-like manner only.
- Offending animals will be removed from the premise by the Clean-and-Clear-Livestock-Inspector at the owner's expense and sent to the Toronto Polishing School for Animals.

Sheri Hawkins,
Minden

Soldier writes from Afghanistan

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the property. One of those trips usually takes place during the annual deer hunt.

He practically grew up there," Dr. Fleenor said. "He was still in diapers when we took him to Miserable Lake for the first time, when he was one year old. It's his second home up there."

Steven Fleenor has hunted with the McElwains of Gelert as well as other local residents.

Following is the letter Steven Fleenor sent to The Times. It was posted on February 18 and arrived in Minden on March 6:

I'm a soldier with the 108th MP Company out of Ft. Bragg, N.C. I'm currently deployed to Kandahar International Airport as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. I have a couple of reasons for writing The Minden Times.

First of all, I wanted to take the time to personally thank Canadians for everything they are doing. There are around 800 Canadians on the ground here at Kandahar and they are some of the best trained troops I've seen. They really are something to be proud of.

I spend a great deal of time in Canada and I know all about the trouble your military has seen in the past. Let me be the

first to say, even if your military is underfunded and under strength, they are still something to be proud of. Honestly, now that the Canadians have taken over much of the perimeter here I feel more secure because your troops are more mature than

ours. They have many more years of experience than most of ours and they all know their jobs better. I know those Canadians on the line will do their job if/when it comes down to it.

Secondly, as I've already said, I spend a great deal of time in Canada. To be more specific, I spend a great deal of time in Minden. I have several very close friends in the Minden area, from the McElwains in Gelert, to Jerry (Cooper) at the barber shop.

Anyway, if it's possible, just tell everyone up there

in my "Home Away From Home", that I'm doing great and, God willing, I'll see them in July. Maybe, you could include my address; letters are a blessing every day.

Thanks again, for your country's support. Be sure to let everyone up there know that the Canadian Army is doing a great job, thanks.

God bless.

SPC, Steven Fleenor,
Operation Enduring Freedom,
108th MP CQ ABN APO, AE 09355



SPC Steven Fleenor.

Environmental assessment moving ahead on proposed Pine Springs septage lagoon

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

It's time for the environmental assessment to move forward at the Pine Springs Landfill site, as Algonquin Highlands takes another baby step with the proposed development of a septage lagoon.

"We've lost a lot of valuable time," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison about the municipality's unwavering attempt to build a septage lagoon in the township.

At its March 7 council meeting, councillors instructed clerk-administrator Gerald Bain to invite proposals for the environmental assessment from three consultants.

The municipality continues to take steps to build a lagoon near the Pine Springs Landfill site, not only to avoid the conflicts that transpired over its previous attempt to build a lagoon, but to be certain the process is flawless and environmentally sound.

"It all really depends on the environmental assessment," Harrison said.

Council was given permission by the Township of Minden Hills to proceed with an environmental assessment of the Pine Springs site. Once the land is deemed environmentally suitable for a septage lagoon, Minden Hills officials said they would co-operate with the required zoning and official plan amendments. They would still require additional information on public and private partnerships and other information, but they agreed to help the process get started with the access to the environmental assessment.

While Algonquin Highlands owns the

property, the land is located in the township of Minden Hills.

Much of this project is hinged on the results of the assessment.

"At some point I'd like to see some public input," said Councillor Tom Gardner.

As Harrison pointed out, before township officials even start considering public information sessions, or establishing any public and/or private relationships, they want to make sure the area is suitable for their requirements.

The baby steps will continue so the council can avoid the proposal snowballing into something that hasn't happened yet, Harrison said.

"The spring is a good time to do the assessment," said Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed, "They'll be able to see all the run-off."

Once the assessment is finished, the township would like to investigate the other possibilities the landfill could accommodate. For example, there is Crown land the municipality may want to purchase, the property might be large enough to house numerous lagoons, there might even be a place for a permanent hazardous waste depot there, Harrison said.

"It's a good time to start thinking about the design and operations of the land," she said. "It may have a bearing on what type of lagoon could go in."

Council decided the design of the structure should be part of the environmental assessment proposal.

"First we need the assessment," said Councillor Tom Gardner.

Peterborough youth charged in break-ins

On Valentine's Day the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP investigated a break and enter at two cottages on Outram Road near Wilberforce.

Further to that investigation, on Feb. 28 a 17-year-old Peterborough male was arrested and charged with three counts of break and enter and fail-

ure to comply with a disposition.

But the break-ins didn't stop there.

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Youth find hope at Learning Centre

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

The Victoria Street Elementary School may be closed but it hasn't given up on the business of education.

Since it was deemed unsafe for children and the new Stuart Baker Elementary School was built a few years ago, the architecturally quaint Victoria Street school has been given a new lease on life. It's been three years since the Highlands Community Learning Centre took over where Victoria Street Elementary left off.

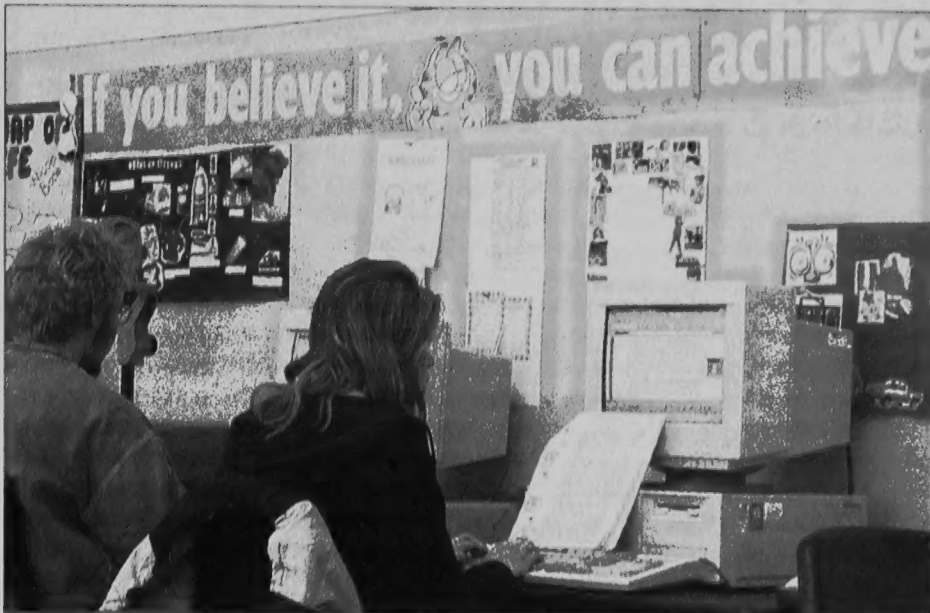
The students at the centre are a tight-knit group where judgements are made upon your work, not what you wear or who you know. Although Laura Willis and Lori Sargent are the only two teachers who educate the 80 or so students that range in age from 15 to 92, they wouldn't have it any other way. Words such as "family" and "kids" creep into Willis' daily conversations with their students. Each week on Friday a soup kitchen is run, reaffirming the family atmosphere that everyone at the centre exudes. Originally intended for adults, the centre has slowly established itself among the youth in the community who don't feel comfortable in high school or those in need of a credit or two for a high school diploma and those who just want to return to high school. Those high school students who feel like they were on the outside looking in said they wouldn't even consider an education if it wasn't for the centre.

In three years 17-year-old Nate Bonhan has come a long way. At the age of 15 his father left and it threw him into a state of depression. He turned to drugs. Though he insists it wasn't an addiction it certainly didn't help his situation. Bonhan became frustrated and disinterested in school so he dropped out and started to get into trouble. He was on the fast track to failure, but began coming to the centre for a few hours each day.

Willis remembers him being a quiet and aloof young man, keeping to himself during class. She is amazed and her eyes light up when she recounts his transformation from the troubled youth to the capable young man he has become.

He is now a teacher's assistant at the centre for his co-operative and helps the adult students with their computer studies.

"I can't get him to shut up now," Willis laughs under her breath, looking over at



"If you believe it, you can achieve it," says the banner in the Learning Centre.

Bonhan who is working at the computer.

Bonhan credits his turnaround to his belief in Christianity and the learning centre enabling him to reconnect with others, build his self-esteem and confidence.

"I decided to get everything straight and started to get my education. I came from a background where I had no self-esteem," Bonhan said.

Bonhan is currently finishing five credits and will return to high school next year in the hopes of either going to college for computers or apprentice fixing them.

He said his efforts as a teacher assistant reside in his appreciation for the centre that gave him back his life. He said it's hard to imagine his life without the centre.

"I probably would have sat at home and drove myself crazy until I went to the high school. This school has done a lot for me."

Willis said the centre isn't only a place where students earn credits, but it is a place where youth find their voice.

When Chris Boxall of Minden was expelled from high school for a semester earlier in the year for too many absences he wasn't sure what he would do. After working four years at the local pizza place, he knew he didn't want to do that.

The high school's 15 day absent policy that forced Boxall out of high school felt unfair at the time, but it was the start to a career and a definitive direction for his future.

"I don't regret getting kicked out at all ... it was like fate. The work ethic at the

learning centre is great. They [allow you to work] at your own pace. If you work on a credit every day you can have it in a month," Boxall said.

The Learning Centre not only gave him a second chance, but numerous options — plus a career goal.

Boxall only started to take courses at the centre last October and eventually discovered an apprenticeship at a local body shop through the Job Connect program. Boxall was ready to leave the centre, but teacher Laura Willis heard of the opportunity and convinced him not to leave. She knew the apprenticeship could become a co-operative, equal to three high school credits for Boxall's high school diploma.

Boxall said, with this arrangement, "I get credits and I get to learn. It might turn out to be a career."

His co-operative is four days a week and began in January and will finish at the end of April. He is in the process of completing Grade 12 English every Friday to earn his high school diploma. Less than a year ago he was out of school slinging pizzas and now, with a sly grin, he reveals his aspirations of running his own body shop. If he wasn't in the co-operative, he said, "I guess I would still be at the high school still trying to get my credits there. I definitely wouldn't be going into this career. If I didn't have the option offered to me I wouldn't have taken it."

Jim Carrell, owner of the autobody repair shop, knows hands-on experience is

good for youth. He started as an apprentice for his father before taking over the shop a few years ago and believes in the concept.

"I thought it was a good idea. It's doing two things: it gives someone an experience in the work place and gives credits going toward school," Carrell said. "The one thing with these students is their work ethic and wanting to be here to work."

Unlike high school absences have not been an issue for Boxall and the immediacy of results is one reason programs like these work so well with youth, said Carrell.

"For a lot of kids hands-on is more their type of thing. It's more direct. This tool does that; This is what you get when it is all completed," Carrell said.

If things go well he is prepared to apprentice Boxall for approximately four years, eventually doubling the shop's staff from one to two. Before this occurs Boxall must attain his high school diploma then a college diploma to enable Boxall to receive certificates to be able to perform the necessary mechanical work associated with collision repair such as removing and installing mechanical components such as brake assemblies or suspension units.

Despite the hours and the patience necessary to teach young people, Carrell believes this arrangement affords him the best chance for the best employee.

"For my particular business I feel more comfortable training someone. There will be a job at the end of it for him if he wishes ... I'd prefer that because I trained him," Carrell said.

HHSS Principal Gary Brohman sees the centre as a necessity for those youth unable to learn in the traditional setting.

"It's a great partnership. It finds them alternative schooling and gives them a second chance. They can learn from a different mode of delivery," Brohman said.

Other alternatives include the work place, an apprenticeship, or adult education, he said. With the centre anyone who leaves high school can still continue high school diploma studies after a semester postponement.

Although the centre was initially planned for mainly adult education the centre has become the second chance that youth are looking for.

"It's not only for adults, but for the kids who are having trouble within our school," Brohman said.

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Algonquin Highlands to appoint a coordinator to help with 9-1-1

Central player needed to organize influx of volunteers

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 7 council meeting of Algonquin Highlands.

The key word in Algonquin Highlands these days is coordination, especially when the county's 9-1-1 project is at the centre of the picture.

After the 911 committee pleaded for municipal volunteer assistance last month in an effort to bring the project back up to speed, Algonquin Highlands officials were ready to step up to the plate.

First, they wanted to make sure they are organized.

"I'm nervous about how all the information will be pulled together and how the county will get access to that information," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison, as the township pursues plans to proceed with doing its part to help get the 911 project back on track.

Lack of volunteers is not the concern, in fact it's quite the opposite. The township has had an influx of interested people prepared to assist the project, but first Harrison wants to ensure those volunteers have a central player to help organize them.

Not only will this process help eliminate a lot of the confusion, but it will also set the wheels in motion to compile information accurately and in a timely fashion.

"I'm afraid that without a coordinator it will be difficult for Algonquin Highlands to know what was done and what wasn't done along the way," Harrison said.

The council agreed the first step would be to coordinate the township's side of the process before it even begins to solicit the help of more volunteers.

"There are lots of people who are willing to help," Harrison said.

Once they have the structure established, they plan to proceed.

"At some point we can hold a meeting for the volunteers so that everyone is aware of the size and scope of the project. They need to understand how to do it."

First the council will appoint a coordinator, who will synthesize what each of the volunteers will do. Then the rest will fall into place.

"We want to get it underway and we don't want any hold-ups," said Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed.

Some members of the township's fire department have expressed an interest in volunteering their services to the 911 project.

Dorset Landfill

There's a dump in need of an owner and the township is

getting ready to do business.

The municipality is in the process of buying the land where Dorset landfill site is currently located. While council has a land use permit for the landfill from the Ministry of Natural Resources, they don't actually own the property.

"I don't think the (MNR) will fight us on it. They won't mind getting rid of a dump site."

In the near future the landfill will be shut down entirely because its life expectancy is reaching the end. However, in order for the municipality to shut down operations of the dumpsite, it needs to have full ownership of the property.

"Because we want to close the site, we need to own it," Harrison said.

The municipality will contact the Ministry of Natural Resources to inquire about purchasing the land where the landfill is presently located.

Emergency Plan

Three plans coming together as one is the order of business for Algonquin Highlands.

Under the direction of a newly established emergency plan committee, the township will attempt to bring three different emergency plans together.

The airport has its own plan and the two former townships of Sherborne and Stanhope also have plans in case of emergency.

The committee will act as an umbrella organization to ensure all three are as current as possible.

"I don't think it will be an onerous job because the plans are basically up-to-date," Harrison said, "a couple of meetings should be enough."

Spill Protocol

Protocol or not, Algonquin Highlands can't seem to decide.

In an effort to co-operate with a request from Minden Hills, the township has been trying to track down the protocol it follows when a spill occurs in the municipality.

The issue came to life in Minden Hills after a sewage

spill on Kashagawigamog Lake occurred and the municipality was not notified.

Minden Hills wrote to the three other municipalities including Dysart et al., Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands, asking them to notify the adjacent municipalities in case any such spill occurs in the area.

The purpose was to keep all the municipalities on the same page, ensuring everyone in the county was kept abreast of any such environmental situations.

"I'm not sure we should spend a lot more time worrying about protocol," Harrison said. "The Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Transportation, police and emergency personnel and the whole nine yards are notified and I don't think we should spend any more time on this."

At first the council members waited to find out how the other municipalities responded to the request and they also wanted to investigate if they had any such protocol in place.

They realized they didn't have any spill procedure and they understood that each emergency department followed its own system in case of accidental spills in the municipality.

"Don't you think we have any responsibility to make sure the information is sent on?" asked Councillor Jim Hicks.

Once again the topic was left at the table, while the council figures out the next step.

Trails and Tours

With four trails in Algonquin Highlands, the reeve isn't sure there is enough expertise in the municipality to properly manage them.

However the Trails and Tours Network does.

At a recent meeting of the TTN, Harrison told council she addressed the subject of trail management and wanted to look into getting TTN's professional assistance with the trails in the township.

Although the township has a newly-appointed trails committee to oversee both present and future walking/hiking trails in the township, it would like to ensure experts oversee the trails.

"There isn't anybody with the right expertise," Harrison said. "I just don't think there is anybody on staff. As far as tree brushing and general cleaning we can take care of that."

Councillor Gardner agreed with the reeve. "There is never enough time, we don't do a

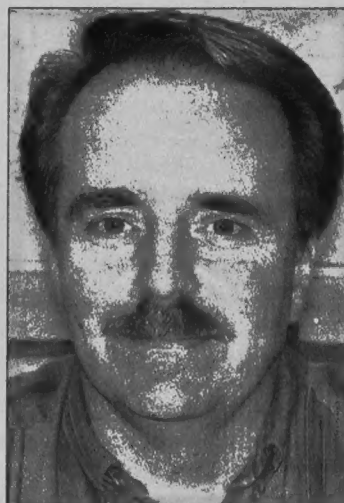
lot of work on the trails and we don't spend a lot of money on the trails either," he said. "The township needs trail expertise and down the line it would be nice if the Trails and Tours took over all the trails in the county."

Gardner said that some trekkers require challenging courses, and the TTN would know how to take care of that.

The Trails and Tours Network could also ensure the signage on the trails is accurate and in correspondence with the other trails in the county.

Harrison was adamant that the current committee would still play a part in the future of the trails and would work closely with the TTN. She said that Peter Brogden, the avid hiker who played a large role in establishing the committee in the first place, was on board with the idea.

The council decided to wait until the budget process was on the table, to make sure the money was available before agreeing to spend it. Council agreed with the concept but decided to look into the process a little further.



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Drilling for water

Minden Hills is drilling to ensure the water is safe in the township. In an effort to meet Ministry of the Environment guidelines, the municipality started digging test holes last week to investigate if there is any seepage from the river. They also started testing for seepage from two wells located in the parking lot just north of the Minden Times office. The reverberating echo of the drill could be heard all the way down Main Street.

Eagle Lake elk dead

Despite care from local residents, sickly cow dies

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

Elk number 37, a cow elk frequently sighted northwest of Eagle Lake, is dead. The animal was first reported in last week's Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times after it stopped traffic on County Road 14 and had to be moved off by Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff. One of four animals in a local herd, this elk is thought to be the first to give birth to a calf in Haliburton County since the elk re-introductions began in Ontario four years ago. It was also one of the first that dispersed from the first Gin Lake reintroduction enclosure, east of Bancroft, in 2000.

When first reported last Friday some area residents expressed concern for the cow's health. MNR Biologist Gerry Moraal believed that animal looked healthy at the time and there was speculation by the Bancroft/Hastings Elk reintroduction committee that the elk was carrying another calf.

On Saturday, however, the elk walked up the driveway of Susan and Mike Rowell of Parson's Road off County Road 14. The animal took refuge within 100 feet of the Rowell residence, appear-

ing in a weakened state. The Rowells notified the MNR the next day and tried to care for the animal by feeding it carrots and apples and warming it with a horse blanket as its condition deteriorated.

MNR staff removed the animal from the site and it died on the way to Peterborough, the transfer point for elk before heading to the

Department of Pathology in the University of Guelph's Wildlife Health Centre.

All reintroduced Ontario elk found dead are examined there to determine cause of death and other information deemed of use to the program.

MNR Senior Research Scientist Dr. Rick Rosatte said results of the examination would take approximately two weeks. John O'Donnell, Co-Chair of the Bancroft/North Hastings Elk Restoration Committee said that there is the possibility elk

number 37 may be turned into a full body taxidermy mount to be used for lecture and display purposes in promoting the provincial elk restoration. Animals from Elk Island National Park in Alberta have been released at four reintroduction sites in central and northern Ontario, bringing the provincial elk herd numbers to approximately 500 animals.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Property standards: What does that mean to you?

It is quite obvious from the letters to the Editor in this and previous issues of The Times that property standards or "clean and clear" mean different things to different people.

To some, the ideal property standard is one with lush, neatly manicured lawns and flower gardens which are maintained to a standard that would make the most discriminating horticulturalist green with envy – no weeds, buildings which are immaculately maintained and shrubbery which is meticulously pruned.

To others, the ideal property would be left in a natural state, which would mean grass that exceeds prescribed lengths and contains liberal amounts of native vegetation such as goldenrod, pigweed, dandelion and other plants which are considered noxious weeds. Proponents of the latter scenario could argue that manicured and fertilized lawns contribute to pollution, especially those which happen to be adjacent to any water body.

There are some valid arguments for both sides.

In a perfect world there would be no weeds, no need to fertilize, everybody would be able to afford the services of a gardener and a property maintenance company and there would be no such thing as lime green exterior latex paint.

The so-called perfect world would have nothing that offends anyone. Houses would be much the same, accommodating the perfect family of 3.7 individuals, or whatever the ideal family size is. It would also be a totally boring situation.

There are those among us who believe a '71 Hemi Cuda is a thing of beauty – a classic example of the North American muscle car – and, as such, wouldn't be averse to having one resident on his or her lawn. Old buggies, plows and various other farm implements are common sights on suburban lawns, with little or no objection from neighbours or passers-by.

Who's to say that Cuda is offensive when other objects are not. Is an old bath tub filled with soil and sprouting with petunias an eyesore? Most would agree it is not. If you had a '58 Buick convertible on your lawn filled with soil and sporting a crop of tomatoes, would that be an acceptable "adornment" of one's property?

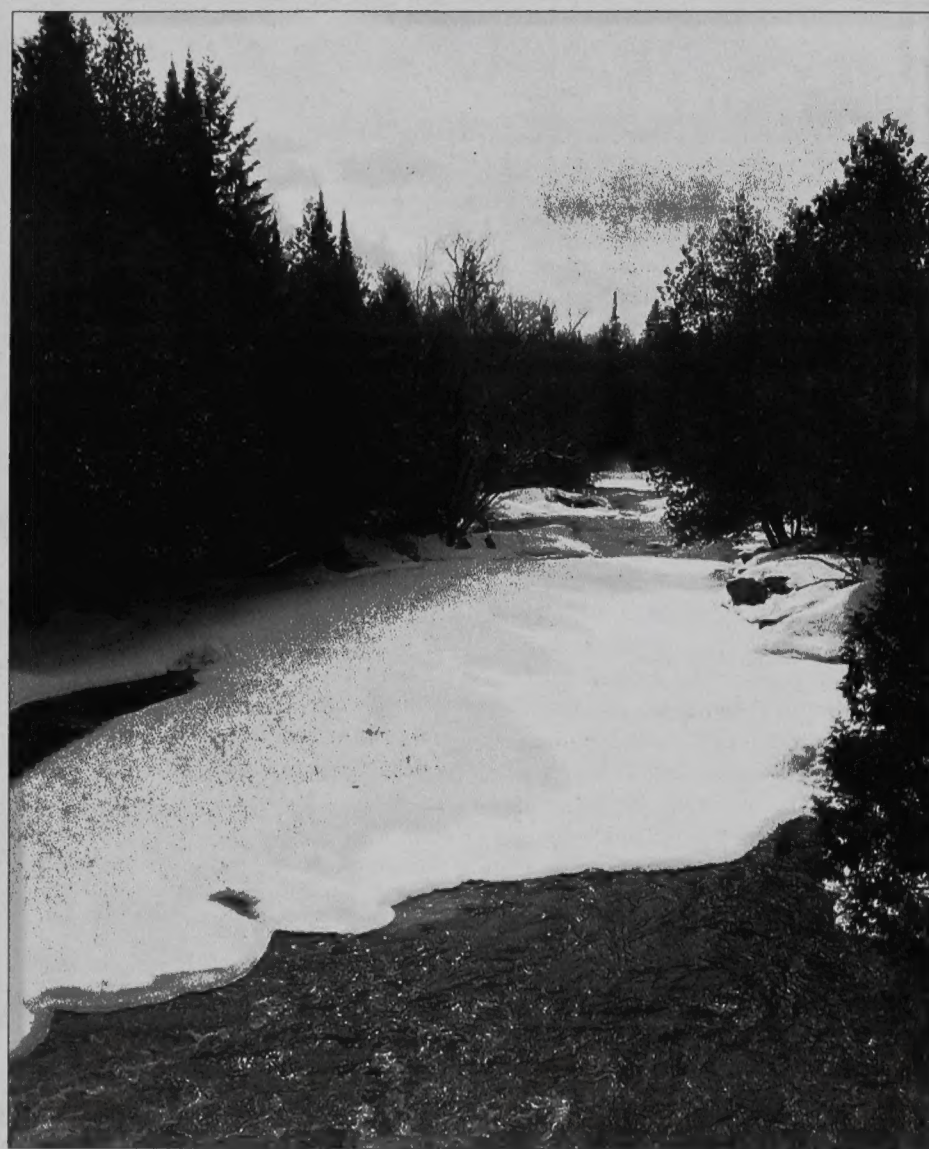
Arthur Black, whose syndicated column appears on the opposite page to this editorial, also hosts a couple of television shows. One is "Weird Homes" and the other is "Weird Automobiles." Both are aired on The Life Channel, which is carried on the local cable system.

We're sure Arthur would agree that many of the weird homes and autos featured on those shows would be considered eyesores by some. But the fact that these shows continue to be carried on the network is proof that people are interested in the eccentric among us who refuse to conform to what society labels "normal." The the average viewer is willing to accept these eccentricities – as long as it is not in his or her neighbourhood.

The possibility exists that Minden Hills council will reopen its discussions of a clean and clear by-law, which was defeated in a split vote early last fall.

If Council does revisit the clean and clear issue, and there is no doubt it will, any decision will require some very serious consideration to ensure that concerns about such by-law are addressed. The question of enforcement is another challenge which council will face if such a by-law is eventually passed.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Ritchie Falls

by JERRY GROZELLE/TIMES

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Clean and clear by-law impossible to enforce

To the Editor:

It was very interesting to read the side-by-side letters from Mr. Sharpless and Mr. Wessell, regarding the resurrection of our "Clean and Clear" by-law, in last week's Times.

Many years ago, probably before Mr. Sharpless was heard of in Minden, AHM (Anson, Hindon and Minden) council had its own "Property Standards" by-law. In Lutterworth, we looked it over, discussed it, then forgot about it. Today, at council, I asked Mr. Cameron what happened to the old AHM by-law. He said that council withdrew it around 1990. "Why?" I asked him. "They could not enforce it," was his answer. The same thing will happen to our new by-law, if it is ever passed.

Country Journal, a delightful American magazine, says you can tell how long people have lived in the country by the amount of "treasures" on their property. "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

If I have a pile of metal scrap in my yard, the by-law officer will be on my tail, yet, if I weld it together, call it "April Delight" or "Flight of Fancy",

I'll probably get \$2,500 or so from Trillium Foundation or the Canada Council.

My personal vendetta is against lush green lawns which pour fertilizer, pesticide and other junk into our water, yet are loved by the "neat-freaks" who bring their city ideas to our back woods. My only law would be an enforced 10 metre (or yard) band of native vegetation along every waterway. The Lindsay Post of February 26, 2002 says this will even keep Canada Geese off our property.

If we try to enforce cleanliness, short grass, et al, we will have to have at least one more full-time employee, who will spend much time in court. Some people may feel this is great, but I'd rather endure a little junk. My souvenirs of 30 years here in the bush have all been hauled to our local recyclers. Anything I have left over will be welded together and sold to the passing public or used to support Clematis and Ivy.

All the best.

Bill Valentine,
Moore's Falls
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Child's play with Barbie's local kin

The most interesting piece of news this week was the announcement of a revolutionary and radical idea from Iran. Go figure.

The Iranians decided that Barbie and Ken, those two roving Americans, were corrupt influences on their youngsters and quite possibly CIA operatives. To counter this unwanted western influence, Iranian educators unveiled their own dolls, Daara and Saara. Both are clean-cut, family-oriented Fundamentalists Muslims with modest wardrobes and all the right accessories to help a child have fun within Iranian cultural mores.

All in all, it beats the heck out of taking the American dolls hostage and I commend this moderate stance. Besides, this time I'm certain that GI Joe and the boys could have got them out without too much loss of plastic.

All kidding aside, it's an idea that has merit in central Ontario. In fact, I've often wondered why Ken and Barbie are so big in the area. They wear loud California clothes, drive around in convertibles, roller blade, jog and seem generally out of sync with what's going on in the real world, otherwise why would they

spend any time at all in the middle east? Physically, too, they are perfect, if you discount the fact that last time I peeked they were not quite anatomically correct.

Then again neither was I. The point being, this is a dangerous standard to hold out to those so easily influenced. And it's not easy on the kids either. Perfection, even in an anatomically incorrect way, is a confusing goal that can never be attained. In the end, that's hard on your self esteem.

That's why I'm proposing that we market, Big Jim and Lorna, a couple of reality-based cottage country dolls.

Physically, there'd be minor differences. Big Jim, for example, wouldn't be artificially trim like Ken. No sir, there'd be that proud donut shop muscle hanging over his monster truck belt buckle. And, Lorna, well she wouldn't have Barbie's renowned gravity defying

breasts. Hers would have suffered the ravages of physics having settled comfortably somewhere around belly button level. That's why the Big Lorna under wire bra would be one of our best selling accessories.

Speaking of accessories, forget the Malibu mansion, wouldn't the kids have more fun with Big Jim and Lorna's Gull Lake Ice Hut? That's right, and the happy couple could tow it using their snow machine that only starts one time out of three. Cross country ski suits and head bands? Yeah right. Try white arctic boots with little felt liners and snowmobile suits and baseball

caps for every occasion.

Will they own a convertible? Yes, but it will be overgrown in the back field beside the tractor. To go to the Big J and L dumpsite addition and see Bruno the Aggressive Black Bear, they'll drive an



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Fashion is not my long suit

I've always had a problem with Suits. Men's suits, I mean. The two piece number – the jacket and trousers. Part of my problem is that I realized early on that most of the people likely to cause me grief in life would be wearing suits – the principal, my teachers, the bank manager, any lawyer. The suit was a metaphor for The Enemy. If I saw somebody in a suit I knew trouble was not far off and probably on the way. Another part of my suit problem: I spent a fraction of my formative years in Morocco, where I came across the ultimate male garment. It is called the djellaba (spelling varies). It's a loose, hooded woolen cloak with full sleeves that cover the hands.

But the djellaba is so much more than a cloak. It is warm enough to protect you from the cold. It is also insulated to protect you from the heat. The deep hood will safeguard your privacy and anonymity. It is roomy, cozy and hardy. You could be naked in your djellaba or you could be dressed like the goalie for the Nashville Predators. No one could tell from the outside. It is a self-contained habitat. You can almost live in a djellaba. It is everything a North American business suit isn't.

The late, great Peter Gzowski – author, journalist, radio star, kamikaze TV host – once vowed that he would never again take

a job if he couldn't wear jeans to the office. This was 'way back in the sixties, when, unless you were bruising your knuckles for a living, suits and ties were de rigueur.

Luckily for Gzowski, he was immediately hired by the CBC where dress codes are not just optional, they're unknown. (The CBC brass doesn't care if you wear a Batman cape or pasties and a thong – they're just happy if you show up for work.)

But I digress. The point is, as Gzowski pointed out half a century ago, the business suit is one of the central absurdities of modern North American life. Why are so many of us still wearing this supremely inappropriate garment?

Think about it – a flimsy, two piece outfit that can't keep you warm at a bus stop in February and will drive you to heat prostration at the same bus stop in August. It lacks the sturdiness of overalls, the comfort of a sweat suit and the weatherproofing of spandex – what is the business suit good for?

Not much – and it's been out of date for

decades. Ever wondered why men's suit jackets have a vent in the rear? For riding horseback. It was designed to drape over a saddle. When's the last time you saw a broker ambling down Bay Street on a cayuse?

The buttons on the sleeves? They were put there to dissuade British seamen from wiping their snotty noses while standing in assembly. What limey sailors have to do with modern commercial dress is anybody's guess, but it makes as much sense as anything else about men's suits.

Suit jackets are awkward and cumbersome when you're climbing into the bucket seat of a Mazda Miata, or cramming your limbs into an economy rathole on an Air Canada flight to Moose Jaw. They just get in the way – just as they do when you're working in a climate-controlled office. The jackets get slung over chairbacks. What's the point?

Men's suits should have gone out of vogue or morphed into something useful a hundred years ago, but for some reason they didn't. Women's fashion went through long gowns, medium gowns,

flouncy gowns, flared waists, high shoulders, empire gowns, the Sack, the maxi, the midi, the mini, the monokini. Men just kept wearing the same dumb suits. Oh, the lapels waxed and waned. The cuffs came and went. The trousers flared and shriveled. But it was the same dumb suit underneath.

I've got half a mind to start a Movement to recall the business suit and replace it with the djellaba, except...

Except I remember a conversation I had with a professor in Tangier, a few decades ago. I was ranting, then as now, about the stupidity of the business suit and the superiority of the djellaba when he put a hand on my arm and asked if I had any theory on why North African culture had essentially stalled – made no progress – since, virtually, the middle ages. I said I'd never thought about it.

"The djellaba," he said. "It is the most comfortable garment for this climate imaginable. But the sleeves are heavy and long. You can't hammer nails when you're wearing it; you can't repair watches, or work machinery. It's hard to write or even read a book. It's comfortable alright. Problem is, it's too comfortable."

Hmmm. Perhaps I won't take my business suits to the Thrift Shop just yet.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Proposed by-law about setting reasonable standards

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Joy Mann's letter re: The Clean and Clear by-law. Joy Mann has brought forth a few good points, but she has also made some inflammatory and offensive statements that I feel need to be dealt with.

It is true that everyone should be entitled to keep junk if they want to. I believe that the clean and clear by-law is not about council deciding what part of your junk is

garbage and belongs in the dump, but rather that you should keep your junk in the back yard, off of the sidewalk where it is out of the general public's eye. It is not about deciding the size or grandeur of your home or garage, but

about keeping the grass cut to a reasonable length and tearing down, cleaning up buildings that already have their roofs caved in and are falling over. It is not

about making you keep your vehicle in perfect, shiny condition, but about taking the discarded vehicle on blocks in your front yard, and moving it around to the back of your building. It is not about giving the council extreme

powers over taxpayers and creating a town made up of only a wealthy social class. It is about council trying to get people to take a personal pride in their property.

Ms. Mann has stated that the poor people in this community cannot afford to keep their places clean. She implies that all poor people have junky looking properties and I find this extremely offensive. I know many people are not wealthy and they still keep their properties tidy. I also know many people who have money and their property is covered in junk from one end to the other. Junk is something that crosses all boundaries of social class – everyone

see CLEANLINESS page 10

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Young people at risk for heart disease, report shows

To the Editor:

The heart symbolizes love, yet it is the one part of our own bodies that we often neglect.

The lack of affection for our hearts can lead to terrible results that put our overall health in jeopardy. Just as a relationship between two people takes work, so does caring for our hearts.

Showing care for the part of our body that makes us tick certainly pays off. Heart disease is preventable, meaning how we live today determines if we develop heart disease tomorrow. Smoking cigarettes, being overweight, eating poorly and being physically inactive are proven causes of heart disease.

Unfortunately, that fact is lost on people. According to surveys by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, most local residents don't know smoking, lack of exercise and poor diet to heart disease. This ignorance can have fatal results. Health Unit research shows heart disease is the most common cause of death locally. Approximately 24 per cent of all deaths among men and women in Northumberland and Haliburton Counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes is due to heart disease.

What is particularly troubling is the evidence of heart disease now appearing in young people, according to recent national media reports.

Earlier this month, the media reported on a shocking survey conducted by The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada that suggested the poor lifestyle of pre-

teens, children ages 9 to 12, put them at high risk of developing heart disease by their 30s. Researchers found the majority of pre-teens in the survey didn't eat

enough fruits and vegetables, were exposed to second-hand smoke and failed to get enough physical activity.

The report is a wake-up call for all of us!

Children cannot be allowed to jeopardize their health at such a young age. Parents need to be positive role-models teaching their children good heart health. Parents can begin by taking the message 'to heart' and deciding to walk rather than drive to the corner store, opting to put a carrot instead of a chocolate bar in their children's lunches and kicking their long-time smoking habit if they use tobacco.

There is plenty of help available for local residents who wish to become heart healthy. At the community level, The Heart Connection brings together various partners to promote programs and activities that reduce rates of heart disease in the area. The Heart Connection's goal is to help people eat well, stay smoke-free and be active.

Many of the programs and services provided by the Health Unit tie in directly to heart health as well. The Health Unit assists people to quit smoking, promotes physical activity and provides advice on proper nutrition.

Living 'heart smart' won't kill you. It sure is deadly if you don't try.

Tracy Howson, Co-ordinator,
The Heart Connection

Cleanliness shows respect for others

from page 9

has it - rich or poor. Some collect more of it than others, and some people are just better at keeping it under wraps and out of sight. How much does it cost to mow your lawn and move your junk from the front yard to the back yard? Not much, except for effort.

My husband (Paul Sharpless) and I did not buy our property as an investment. We choose to live here because (a) we were both raised in the area; (b) I make a living here and Paul also runs a part-time business here, and, (c) Minden is a great area and community, and we like living here, intend to raise our children here, hopefully grow old and die here. I do not know how most people do their estate planning, but I hope that when I die my property has increased in value from when it was purchased. Not for my sake, but for the future generation that inherits it.

Keeping your property clean is something that should be done not only for yourself, but also out of respect for your neighbour. Cleaning up the community is not just about attracting tourism, but also retail business and permanent residents. I would think that most residents want the

community to grow and prosper. Growth brings full-time employment for the children growing up in the area, keeping them as members of the community post education. It also builds a larger tax base bringing better services to the area such as: improved roads, 911, new hospitals, family doctors and schools. With a larger tax base there are more people contributing towards the same services and there is a possibility that your property taxes would go down. Property tax, unfortunately, is a fact of life - it isn't ever going to go away. While nobody wants to see his or her property tax sky rocket, one shouldn't expect not to have to pay for it.

I personally do not understand the mentality of buying a house just to exist in it. Why let it fall down around you and the junk pile up in your front yard? Just to avoid paying more property tax? Perhaps people should ask not what the community owes them in way of tax breaks, but what they can do to help improve the community and allow it to grow.

Dr. Suzanne Harrison,
Gull River Veterinary Services,
Scotch Line West,
R.R. 3, Minden

Archie Stouffer school needs volunteer help

To the Editor:

Just a quick note to the people of Minden. "We need your help." Being a volunteer can be one of the most rewarding experiences of a person's life. If any person reading this could spare even an hour a week, we need volunteers for the school library, the reading and milk programs and any number of other activities that go on daily at the school.

Our elementary school has been struggling for a long time, trying to raise enough money to provide playground equipment for Minden's children. In a

wonderful community like Minden, with a school like Archie Stouffer, if we pull together as a community there will be a playground in the school yard.

So, if your life is just too busy to spare a bit of time, then, if you could find it in your heart, a monetary donation would be gratefully accepted. All donations over \$100 will receive an official tax receipt.

If you can help in any way, call Debbie at 286-6933.

Denise LeBlanc,
Archie Stouffer School Council,
Minden

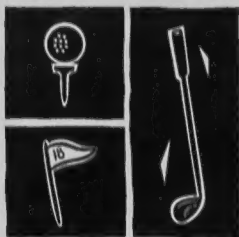
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Seeing the ups and downs of Kawartha Lakes taxes

To the Editor:

How many times does the ordinary "City of Kawartha Mistakes" taxpayer have to be told the truth about his or her tax demand for 2001?

Despite several letters appearing in this and other publications in recent months, I am still being confronted by people who think their tax bill went down when, in actuality, it went up. There is no mystery about it. Just a case of devious information and a desperate attempt to "save face."

Remember that beautiful, multi-hued information sheet that came with your interim tax bill? In it, the statement was made of all the millions of dollars already saved in some (unnamed) departments. Conveniently left unsaid was the fact that the remaining departments showed increases far offsetting those decreases!

Surely, you all know that the first draft of the 2001 budget showed a 4-million dollar increase over the combined 2000 totals. After cutting as many corners as possible, it still had a one-million dollar increase. Now - how can taxes go down under those conditions?

Well, leave it up to the bureaucrats to

come up with the answer. We will take a million dollars of reserve funds saved up by fiscally responsible former townships (like Laxton and Digby) for future capital needs, etc. They did it!

Some years ago, I took a three-year course in municipal administration. During those three years, several "commandments" were drilled into the students' heads. One of them was this: "Thou shalt not use reserve funds to hold the mill rate down!" Well, our high-priced city staff took that step.

If your 2001 tax bill contained an item in brackets, labeled "Special Rate Adjustment", your taxes were actually up by that amount and if you don't believe this, watch for your final 2002 bill and see what happens. See how we start to save money. Hah!

Finally, a bit off the above subject but a very important part of it - when the next provincial election comes around, remember that both the major opposition parties are promising a binding referendum on de-amalgamation, so vote A.B.C. (Anyone But Conservative).

F. V. LeCraw,
Norland

Who's going to Kindergarten?

To the Editor:

Re: School Enrolment for September 2002

Last October 2001, there was a lot of disruption to the classes at Archie Stouffer School because 20 new kindergarten children who had not registered earlier turned up unexpectedly. To prevent his happening again, it is very important that any child new to the school, especially kindergarten, expecting to start class in September 2002, be registered at the

school immediately if they have not already done so. This is so that the school and school board have accurate numbers with which to organize the allocation of staff. So far there has been a lower registration than expected.

The school needs to know immediately about any child not previously registered who will start school this year. The school can be contacted at 286-1921.

Kate Young,
on behalf of the Archie Stouffer
School Council.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The fifth annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 27, 2002 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden site, Hyland Crest.

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The fee may be paid, and a membership card obtained, at both sites of the HHHS, Minden and Haliburton, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services at Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 or telephone: 705-457-1392 ext.248 / facsimile 705-457-2398 or email: brussell@hhhs.on.ca



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Darren Lum/TIMES

Yay! It's March Break time

Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden were all smiles and excitement on Friday as the long-anticipated March break holiday arrived. With such wildly changeable weather, they could be skipping and bicycling this week, or making snowmen.

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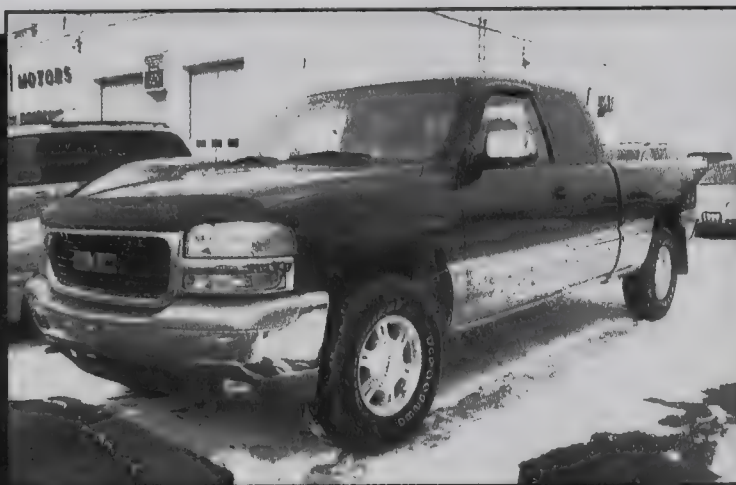
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Roadblocks raised to proposed development near Bear Lake Road

Algonquin Highlands says road is dangerous, and can't sustain more traffic

by **ALLISON TAYLOR**
Times staff

A proposed eco-tourism retreat to be built near Hollow River is sinking to the bottom of the waterway before the concept even had a chance to get off the ground.

With visions of yurts, natural land and endless outdoor activities, it seems the land owner Robert Manhertz didn't fully consider how a projected 500 visitors to the resort within the next several years would get to the river retreat. Or at least he didn't consider the expense to the municipality.

On property covering 4,300 acres in Dysart, the lone roadway leading directly to the property is a six-kilometre stretch of seasonally maintained road called Bear Lake Road, situated in and operated by Algonquin Highlands.

"In the condition the road is in now, the road is utterly dangerous," said CAO-Clerk Gerald Bain.

With difficult twists and turns covering the entire span of the road, Algonquin Highlands admits the road does not currently meet municipal standards but with an endless list of high traffic roadways on their repair list, the Bear Lake Road was not high on the priority list.

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone who is relatively new to the municipality is in the process of preparing a five-year road work plan for Algonquin Highlands. Bear Lake Road will need some repair, but not to the extent to accommodate a potential high traffic resort on the other end, he said.

The townships main concerns revolve around increase traffic on Bear Lake Road with escalating maintenance costs as a result of additional use by both visitors and commercial vehicles travelling to the retreat.

"It's going to cost us a considerable amount of money and I'm not certain we won't be criticized as a municipality for spending this kind of money," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison at a council meeting earlier this year. "It's kind of like our municipality providing a service for an individual which would cause problems for us. If you want to give us the money, it would be a different story."

The money required would be in excess of \$200,000, not including the yearly seasonal maintenance, Whetsone said.

In his draft concept plan, Manhertz wrote that he understood the township was undertaking some improvements to Bear Lake road and that those improvements could open the possibility of winter maintenance.

Manhertz said it was the townships responsibility to spend the money to upgrade and maintain the road to it's own standards, but he was willing to offset some of the costs with an initial one time fee of \$5,000, culminating to approximately \$80,000 when a certain number of cabins have been created.

The resort would start with 20 cabins and subsequently add additional cabins once the resort was well established, to a total of 500.

His proposal was inadequate for Algonquin Highlands. "They basically flatly rejected my proposal and didn't provide a response," he said.

"The fact is that Bear Lake Road doesn't not meet Algonquin Highlands existing standards," Manhertz said in a presentation to Dysart. "I guess what's happening here is Algonquin Highlands is looking for someone to pay for their road and basically they are asking me to do it. This is not right."

The only alternative route is through the Haliburton Forest which is currently a restricted road through a private agreement to non-commercial uses.

In cooperation with Algonquin Highlands, Dysart was not prepared to move forward with the proposal until a suitable access agreement could be reached between

Manhertz and Algonquin Highlands.

The entire process started in January when Manhertz made a special presentation to Algonquin Highlands to ascertain feedback on his proposed resort.

While the council applauded the idea of new development in the county they couldn't get past the access troubles on Bear Lake Road.

“In fairness developers usually do their homework, but you haven’t. You still have issues with garbage”

Dysart reeve MURRAY FEARREY

Manhertz flaunted how the increase in tourists to the region would positively affect the economy, including bringing additional jobs to the county.

"It's a win-win-win situation with jobs and long-term

taxes," he said. "These two municipalities don't seem to see benefit of it and have thrown out nothing but road-blocks."

Other concerns expressed by Algonquin Highlands were waste disposal and emergency access.

"In fairness developers usually do their homework," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, "but you haven't, you still have issues with garbage."

Fearrey said he didn't want to see the proposal killed, but he didn't have any other suggestions to provide to Manhertz.

"This council can't tell Algonquin Highlands what to do," Fearrey said. "We would have real troubles spending money on a road in another municipality."

Manhertz said Algonquin Highlands should pay to have their own roads brought up to standard.

The initial proposal was to establish an initial 20 units this spring, but the time frame was too tight for the two municipalities to work under.

The proposal has been withdrawn until further agreements can be reached between the two municipalities and Manhertz.

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French Immersion option gets a boost

Trillium Lakelands Board supports findings of review committee

by CATHY OLLIFFE
Special to The Times

The importance of French Immersion programming to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) has been confirmed.

On March 5 at the regular board meeting in Haliburton, trustees approved almost all the recommendations put forward by the French Immersion Review Committee. The committee, made up of principals, vice principals, senior administrators, trustees, teachers, a representative of Canadian Parents for French, a secondary school representative and a curriculum coordinator, met five times with the goal of conducting a review of the TLDSB's French Immersion program.

Such things as accessibility of the program for all students, various program delivery models, enrollment histories, program sites, goals, teacher availability, special education support, consultant support for French Immersion teachers and funding were all discussed by the committee. Questionnaires were also sent to parents asking their opinions on program offerings at the secondary level in the northern part of the board.

One recommendation from the committee was already approved by the board at its January meeting. A motion was passed at that time to make Senior Kindergarten (SK) the grade where the French Immersion will start in every part of the school district. Since then, the only school in the Highlands that offers French Immersion, — Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton — has begun the process of bringing French Immersion to SK students this fall.

Seven other recommendations were examined — and most were approved — at the March 5 meeting.

The first recommendation, which passed easily, was to adopt the following passage as the TLDSB's vision of French Immersion: "The Trillium Lakelands District School Board supports the French Immersion Program and intends that the program be inclusive and accessible to all students within the board. The board also intends that graduates of the secondary school French Immersion Program will be able to communicate and function in French and be able to pursue work or post-secondary education in French."

Robinson explained that schools offering the FI program and the parents of FI students both need a firm commitment from the board concerning the board's support of the French Immersion program. Board members hope the statement makes it clear that the program should be available to all students within the district.

Recommendation two, which also passed, was that the minimum percentages guidelines as outlined in an accompanying chart regarding the ration between French and English

instruction in FI classrooms be adopted across the district.

The recommended time allocations and subjects for the FI program are as follows: In SK, the minimum percentage devoted to instruction in French is 90%; in Grades 1, 2 and 3 it's 80%; in Grades 4, 5 and 6 it's 60%; and in Grades 7 and 8 the percentage is 50%. In the higher grades, science, math, English and language arts will be the subjects taught primarily



Allison Taylor/TIMES

French Immersion teacher Janice Benoit with student at Stuart Baker Elementary School

ly in English.

"Some issues need to be dealt with in English," he said, "because it's that important, that critical, they understand."

The third recommendation was that a consultant with qualifications in French be hired to work in the curriculum department to support French Immersion and Core French teachers in TLDSB, with the understanding that the consultant would have other curriculum responsibilities as well. The position, which was approved, will begin in September.

Trustees were concerned that hiring an FI teacher within the TLDSB for the consultant position would detract from the valuable FI teaching pool. But TLDSB area superintendent Paul Doiron said feelers have already been sent out for hiring FI teachers and he isn't overly concerned about the prospect.

Recommendation four involved the transfer of the FI program from Gravenhurst Public School to Monck Public School in Bracebridge, effective this September. Robinson said declining enrollment is a problem in only two FI schools

in the district: Gravenhurst, and in Lindsay. He said enrollment in the relatively new Stuart Baker FI program is increasing.

Recommendation five involves FI schools in the City of Kawartha Lakes area (which includes Lindsay). Trustees agreed to have Jim Bradley, the assistant superintendent of business and transportation, to come up with ways of making transportation to those FI schools more accessible to students.

Recommendation six was to have all FI students participate in the 2004 Grade 3 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) reading and writing assessments. Unlike the other recommendations, this one wasn't passed but was tabled until parents can be canvassed and asked their opinion.

As Robinson explained, currently FI students participate in Grade 3 mathematics in French and Grade 6 reading, writing and mathematics in English. The EQAO testing does not presently provide a French language version of the Grade 3 reading and writing assessment. The benefit for the students in participating in the assessment is the opportunity to develop their test-taking skills. Results of the EQAO testing also provide information for parents on how their children are progressing. All parents have the opportunity to have their son or daughter excluded from the EQAO assessment.

Robinson said many other school boards include these students. The reason the 2004 assessment year was chosen was to give some time for the implementation of the new instruction ratio. It is reported that an EQAO Grade 3 FI assessment is under development. Robinson added, "in fairness" it should be noted that the representative of the Canadian Parents for French does not support the recommendation.

Trustees decided to table the recommendation because it's not fair to give an English test to students who are taught in French. One trustee said it would cause undue stress to students.

Robinson, however, thought it might be good for FI students to take the English tests because they're bright students who have a good understanding of reading and writing in English because of their natural abilities and because their families tend to read English to them at home.

The final recommendation, which was passed, was to petition the EQAO to develop a French language test for Grade 3 FI students in reading and writing.

"I think all of us would like to see the assessment in French," Robinson said.

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Bowl for Kids' Sake raises \$11,700

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

This year's Bowl for Kids' Sake at the County Bowling Centre in Minden and Carnarvon Bowl raised \$11,700 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Haliburton County.

"That is absolutely awesome," said Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton Executive-Director Gord Evans. "I never dreamed they would be able to raise that much. It's pretty encouraging."

Bowlers at the Carnarvon site raised \$4,100, while Minden bowlers brought in \$7,600.

For the second consecutive year, Diane Critenden of Norland raised the most in pledges for Haliburton County, bringing in \$811.65. She was fourth overall in the combined City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County region. David Anderson of Kinmount had the second highest total for this county with \$550. He was eighth overall.

More than 100 bowlers turned out for the Sunday event in Minden alone. In addition, a couple of bowling leagues participated in the fund-raiser during designated days. Those two leagues represented 72 bowlers.

The theme of the event was Beach Party, with many of the participants dressed in colourful beachwear.

CHEX TV on-air personality Amy Terrill was the honorary chairperson of the event. She attended both the Minden and Carnarvon sites. Terrill said she was pleased to be asked to be a part of this worthy cause.

Now that the current organizers have this event under their belts, they will be prepared to make it an even bigger and more successful fund-raiser next year.

"This year we were late getting our pledge sheets out," said Rawn Brown, a member of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Advisory Committee. "Next year we should be able to do a bang-up job."

The next big fund-raiser will be the golf tournaments, which will be held at Haliburton County golf courses.

Two case workers, Karen Phipps and Patty-Lou Robinson, have been assigned to Haliburton County. They will be talking to people in the local communities and working with the Advisory Committee to determine what type of programs are best suited to the needs of the communities.

Evans said the organization is currently looking for office space in The Highlands. Evans said the organization would like to have a presence in the smaller communities throughout the county, with places where case workers can go even if only once every week or two.

Along with the traditional matches between Big and Little Brothers and Sisters, a number of other programs will also be available.

A new program is in the works, whereby "Bigs" and "Littles" with similar interests will be introduced via computer and will correspond by e-mail.

Evans explained: "It's a pilot project that we're involved in. We're just starting it now. We want to have everything in place by May. That means recruiting Bigs and matching them up with Littles. The screening process is exactly the same as if they were going to be in a one-to-one relationship. We've committed to making

20 matches that way."

He said the advantage for the Little is overcoming of the difficulty of finding Bigs from the outlying areas. "The Bigs, for the most part, come from the larger centres," he said. That often creates travel difficulties. It is also an advantage for the potential Bigs who may not have the time to commit to personal visits on a regular basis.

"It will be done through AOL, America Online Canada. They are one of our big sponsors. Royal Bank has donated the computers and Reboot, a computer firm, is refurbishing the computers and setting them up with the software," Evans said. "It also involves Frontier College, out of Queen's University, which will be offering some tutoring. If we have a child who is good at writing, for example, we would get someone from Frontier College to help them write even better and they would work on getting articles published."

That program is called E-Mentoring.

"I'm really excited about it," Evans said. "It's going to be really helpful."

Evans said the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization would provide the computers to Littles who don't have one. "We'll monitor them by survey and by individual interviews," he added. "The parental controls will be set up in concert with the parent. Everyone will know when the chats will take place."

"Because it is a pilot project, they're not meeting face-to-face. The Big won't be allowed to give his phone number or address out to the Little. They want to see, as purely as possible, how this works and how it affects the child. So, there will be a lot of up-front surveying done throughout."

Another program Evans feels will be especially beneficial in this area is In-School Mentoring.

The program can go into elementary schools and match the Littles with high school students or adult education co-operative students, some of whom may be interested in getting into social work.

"It's an hour a week per child," Evans said. "The child would be pulled out of class. It's based on an agreement between the principal and the teacher or the school liaison and the teacher. It will be a class where an hour a week isn't going to matter that much."

Evans said he's confident that program will be popular.

"We already have a waiting list of kids and a number of people who have said, 'I want to be a Big,'" Evans pointed out. "So, it's really starting to percolate."

Other programs include the Couples for Kids Program; the Big Bunch Program; the Summer Program; and the Tackle Share Program. The latter is in conjunction with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and involves lending fishing equipment to young anglers for up to three days at a time.

Supporters of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton can expect to see increased action in this area.

"Our strategic plan needs to include something that's going to make things happen in Haliburton County," Evans said.

For more information on how to become involved in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton, and the various programs, contact the Lindsay office at 324-6800.



Rawn Loughheed/TIMES

Jennifer MacRae (above) was one of the participants in the Bowl for Kids' Sake event at the County Bowling Centre in Minden on Sunday, March 3. The event, which included Carnarvon Bowl, raised more than \$10,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton. Money raised at the Carnarvon and Minden bowling facilities will remain in Haliburton County.

Karen Phipps, Gord Evans, Jude King and Rawn Loughheed (left to right, below) assisted with the organization and operation of the 2002 edition of Bowl for Kids' Sake event, held at Carnarvon Bowl and the County Bowling Centre in Minden.



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Lesters win again in Timmins

The Canadian Snocross Racing Association (CSRA) Championship Series went to Timmins on the first weekend in March and experienced the wildest winter weather in the past five years of CSRA racing. Saturday saw heavy snows, driving winds and bitter cold which created visibility challenges for racers all day. At Sunday morning's driver's meeting, the weather had become more severe and, as a result, race director Ken Avann elected to postpone Sunday's racing until next weekend when the series moves back to Sudbury Downs in Sudbury, Ont. The Sunday schedule of races from Timmins will be worked into next weekend's racing in Sudbury.

A.J. Lester of Minden was flying on his Ski-Doo in spite of tough conditions in Saturday's qualifying. Huge crowds roared as once again A.J. duelled with his brother in Pro-600 qualifying. When the checkers flew it was Luke with A.J. in tow, setting up what was to be a superb battle in the Pro 600 final. In Semi-Pro 600 Qualifying A.J. took his time to sort out lines and then moved into the lead by lap four. In Semi-Pro Open Qualifying, A.J. had the race course figured out and led from green to checkered. The large crowd had to be enthusiastic to endure the near-blizzard conditions as they waited for Saturday's feature race, the Pro 600 Final. When the green flag dropped, A.J. gated in third. A.J. was relentless in his pursuit of second place. Time after time A.J. stuck his skis under the Arctic Cat rider until finally he made his move and shot after his brother who had all but checked out on the field. By the time the checkers flew, A.J. had settled into a solid second place.

In the Semi-Pro 600 final, 14 riders charged into the first turn. A.J. put his Ski-Doo MX-ZX 440 in the right place and was in the lead by the second lap. With snow dust from the huge field compromising visibility, A.J. stayed out front and took the win.

Luke Lester was in top form on his Polaris Pro-X when Pro 600 qualifying left the line. Using crisp power provided by Tim George's excellent tuning, his Pro-X Polaris 440 took control of the Pro 600 Qualifier from the first lap to the checkers. When the time came for Pro Open Qualifying, Luke launched off the line with a clean holeshot and again never looked back to take a convincing win on his Hot-To Go Racing 800 Polaris. As the weather became more severe and visibility was compromised, a mixture of water and food colouring was applied to the race course in an effort to help the riders distinguish the track surface as a result of the dull, flat light. The excitement coming from the enthusiastic crowd of Timmins fans was anything but dull when the Pro-600 final left the line. Luke was mid-pack in the first turn but then skillfully threaded his way inside and burst off the front straight jump in the lead. Using the split-lane back straight to his advantage, Luke double jumped, lap after lap, building a substantial lead which he held to the checkers.



First draw winners of the Minden-Bobcaygeon Bonspiel were, left to right, skip Tino Del Grande, vice Jackie Del Grande, second Ron Redfern and lead Joanne Redfern.



Second draw winners of the Minden-Bobcaygeon Bonspiel, left to right, were: Skip Jack Taylor, vice Winn Taylor, second Joe LaRocca and lead Marion LaRocca.

Minden-Bobcaygeon Bonspiel ends in a split decision

The Minden Seniors' Curling Club hosted the annual Minden-Bobcaygeon Mixed Bonspiel. A total of 16 rinks competed in the two-game total points event.

At the end of the first draw, it was the Bobcaygeon team skipped by Tino DelGrande, with vice Jackie DelGrande, second Ron Redfern and lead Joanne Redfern that swept up top honours.

Second place in the opening draw went to the Bobcaygeon rink skipped by John Nickels. Gail Grainger's Minden rink captured third place in the first draw.

The second draw was totally dominated by Minden rinks. First place went to skip Jack Taylor, vice Winn Taylor, second Joe LaRocca and lead Marion LaRocca.

Second place went to the team skipped by Minden's Ross Davies and third place honours were won by Don Ballantyne's Minden team.

When the total points of both clubs were calculated, Minden retained the trophy with a 120-99 advantage. The trophy was presented to Minden Seniors' Curling Club President Jim Burrows.

Club officials report that a good time was had by all. Curlers enjoyed lunch between games.

Event Convener Helen Rice expressed her appreciation to Draw Master Todd Grainger and to the kitchen helpers.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law Nos. 86-26 as amended, 4-81 as amended, and 3-78 as amended.

File No. MV A03/2002, Part Lot 15, Concession 11, Township of Minden.

Applicant: RODERICK AND CHRISTINE WILDE

Purpose: Relief from Section 4.16.2 (Schedule 4) of Zoning By-Law 86-26, as amended, to permit the construction of a new attached garage in the side yard of the Rural Zone. Relief of 13.0 feet is required.

File No. MV A04/2002, Part Lot 31, Concession 9, Township of Minden.

Applicant: BARBARA CARVER

Purpose: Relief from Sections 4.6.2(a)(Table 2) and 3.20 of Zoning By-Law 86-26, as amended, for existing buildings' setbacks from the high water mark of Soyers Lake. Relief of 36.43 feet and 32.42 feet respectively is required for the two main buildings.

File No. MV A05/2002, Part Lot 5, Concession 12, Township of Lutterworth.

Applicant: KELLHOBBY INDUSTRIES LTD.

Purpose: Relief from Section 4.11.3.c.iii of Zoning By-Law 4-81, as amended, to permit a severance (Land Division Committee file H-72/01) of Industrial property with existing buildings that would not meet the yard requirements for the By-Law. Relief requested: Main Building 1 - front yard 13.9 feet, exterior side yard 28.95 feet, interior side yard 11.55 feet; Main Building 2 - front yard 9.1 feet, interior side yard 1.7 feet; Accessory Building - interior side yard 4.34 feet.

HEARING DATE: March 26, 2002
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION. - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, (formerly the Township of Lutterworth Municipal Office), Highway 35, Minden, Ontario.

Dated this 7th day of March, 2002.

Brendan Bérubé,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Committee of Adjustment,
Box 359, Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0
Tel: (705) 286-1541
Fax: (705) 286-6005

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Successful candidates must be registered, full-time students for 2001/2002 year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the fall of 2002.

Summer Students Positions - Subject to Confirmation of Funding

Nine (9) student positions for the summer of 2002 will be available, **should the Municipality receive funding under the Summer Career Placement Program or other funding programs.** The positions are:

Assistant By-Law Enforcement Officer

- One position available for a period of 12 weeks, commencing Jun 3, 2002.
- Responsibilities include the patrolling of streets for parking infractions, issuing tickets and canine control.
- Hours of employment will include evenings and weekends.
- Enrollment in a Post Secondary School, Law Enforcement course, would be an asset. Minimum G-2 Class Driver's Licence required.

Parks & Recreation and Cemetery Labourers - six positions available.

- Five positions for a period of 15 weeks, commencing May 6, 2002.
- One position for a period of 10 weeks, commencing June 24, 2002.
- Responsibilities include assisting in the maintenance and operations of the Community Centre and Parks, assisting the public with functions held at the Community Centre, cutting grass, landscaping, building repair, playground maintenance and equipment operation and maintenance.
- Hours of employment will include evenings and weekends.
- Minimum G-2 Class Driver's Licence required.

Museum Assistants

- Two positions available for a period of 14 weeks at 30 hours per week, commencing the first week of May, 2002.
- Responsibilities include dealing with the public by greeting visitors and answering questions about the Museum Complex, conducting heritage tour walks and children craft programs as well as helping to organize heritage exhibits and cataloguing artifacts in a computerized environment.
- Hours of employment will include weekends.

Qualified applicants are requested to submit a resume to the address outlined below, on or before, Monday, March 25, 2002 at 12:00 noon, in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Mr. Clayton Cameron, Public Works Superintendent, clearly marked as to the position applied for:

**Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0**

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
We thank all those applicants who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

MINDEN BOWLING

Legion 636 Mixed League

(March 4)
High average: Bob Vankoughnet 189; Maxine Cross 161
High single: Len Kroes 257; Carlie McDonald 188
High single (handicap): Len Kroes 329; Doreen Francis 260
High triple: Jim Hindle 644; Elli Langpohl 514
High triple (handicap): Len Kroes 805; Doreen Francis 719

Monday Night Mixed Match Play

(March 4)
High average: Scott Moore 249; Cathy Snell 232
High single: Scott Moore 330; Cathy Snell 230
High single (handicap): Stuart Vanderberg 299; Gail Crowe 280
High triple: Scott Moore 844; Cathy Snell 652
High triple (handicap): Gord McAllister 743; Gail Crowe 738

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 254; Cathy Snell 238
High single: Norm Goldenberg 329; Cathy Snell 253
High single (handicap): Norm

Goldenberg 339; Linda Graham 262
High triple: Scott Moore 763; Cathy Snell 700
High triple (handicap): Walter Stegmaier 792; Linda Graham 694

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

(February 28)
High average: Eddie Dykstra 196; Grace Chapman 187
High single: Ed Braithwaite 255; Mona Benn 279
High single (handicap): Gerald Clarke 298; Mona Benn 312
High triple: Ed Braithwaite 645; Mona Benn 713
High triple (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 726; Mona Benn 812

Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Doug Reinwald 215; Deb Cox 167
High single: Doug Reinwald 324; Deb Cox 171
High single (handicap): Doug Reinwald 334; Brenda Ellis 241
High triple: Doug Reinwald 837; Carol Gilligan 451
High triple (handicap): Doug Reinwald 867; Brenda Ellis 657

CARNARVON BOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon League

(March 5)
High average: Ken Thompson 214; Mona Benn 191
High single: Mike Newell 253; Sandy Ross 254
High single (handicap): Mike Newell 322; Sandy Ross 313
High triple: Ed Braithwaite 709; Mona Benn 677
High triple (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 760; Mona Benn 764

Wednesday Afternoon League

(March 6)
High average: Ken Thompson 217; Marie Thompson 187
High single: John Whitty 282;

Mona Benn 235
High single (handicap): John Whitty 325; Mona Benn/Diane Platt 267
High

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Thursday Afternoon League
le: John Whitty 737; Betty Trapp 557
High triple (handicap): John Whitty 836; Betty Trapp 725

Thursday Afternoon League

(March 7)
High average: Ken Thompson 191; Moe Briscoe 189
High single: Bob Webb 240; Moe Briscoe 219
High single (handicap): Bob Webb 271; Susan Robb 294
High triple: Ken Thompson 573; Moe Briscoe 567
High triple (handicap): Leroy Eager 667; Susan Robb 729

MINDEN CURLING

Week Eight

Monday Ladies' League

Pat Woodcroft 5, Pat Campbell 3
Melanie Vigrass 8, Lynda Eaton 4
Zelda Cooper 8, Cheryl Murdoch 6

Tuesday Men's League

Ed Cyr 13, Bill Roodenburg 2
Ted Wilkes 6, Alf Trotter 5
Ross Bryant 7, Jim Pollard 7
Rob Eaton 6, Ross Davies 6
Dwight Thomas 8, Don Ballantyne 3
Ross Wray 6, Dan Garbutt 5

Thursday Mixed League

Jack Taylor 9, Sandy Cole 4
Zelda Cooper 8, Cheryl Murdoch 1
Dan Garbutt 8, Don Ballantyne 4
Rob Eaton 11, Ted Wilkes 6
Melanie Vigrass 10, Peter

McNeillage 4

Jim Burrows 6, Pat Woodcroft 3
Ross Bryant 12, Pat Campbell 7

Friday Mixed League

Bill Roodenburg 12, Russell Warning 9
Ryan Cole 7, Sandy Cole 4
Paul Prentice 5, Brian Cross 3

Coming Events

The Junior Curling year-end bonspiel is scheduled for Sunday March 24. Parents and Sponsors are invited to join in a fun-filled day. Other coming events include the Sweep Into Spring Ladies Bonspiel March 22 and 23 and the OCA Junior and Bantam Mixed Provincial Championships April 3-6.

Peewee B ends first playoff round robin

by SHERILL SHERWOOD
Special to The Times

The Peewee B team finished off the first round robin playoff series with four games in two weeks.

Steven Kerr's goal in a home game against Manvers on the 16th was the only point on the board in the first period. Billy Kulas scored in the second period to make it 2-0. Manvers picked it up a notch and won the second and third periods, and the game, with a final score of 7-2.

In Haliburton on the 17th against Cannington, Michelle Winfield's smart moves and aggressiveness stood out and helped the Storm beat Cannington 5-1. Extraordinary play by Bradford Burk garnered him a hat trick.

Despite a flu epidemic attacking many Highland play-

ers, the team travelled to Fenelon Falls the night of the 18th. The four goals by the Storm weren't enough to win. Fenelon came up with seven to claim the victory.

On March 2 in Beaverton, goalie J.D. Crowe made several big saves to keep the game close. A 1-0 game for Beaverton until the final five minutes of play, Storm players kept up the pace and had good chances to score. Brittney VanNood hustled on defense to keep play out of Storm's zone.

Jake Ruddy skated circles around Beaverton to carry the puck into the offensive zone. Beaverton scored twice more to win 3-0.

A new playoff schedule is in the making and the Peewee B team will host a tournament in Minden on March 16.

Provincial Services UNAVAILABLE In The Event Of A Strike

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) will be in a legal strike position March 13. The Government of Ontario is prepared to negotiate around the clock to reach a collective agreement that is fair to employees and responsible to taxpayers. The government is committed to providing Ontario residents with as much information as possible so they can plan for any disruption of services in the event of a strike.

Here is a listing of provincial government services that will be unavailable should the union go on strike.

Health Care Services

While major health facilities and services such as hospitals will be available, some government operated services will not, including:

- No new or replacement health cards
- Ministry INFOline in addition to Seniors INFOline
- No processing of applications for assistive devices

Driver and Vehicle Licensing

- Driver Examination
- New or replacement driver's licences
- Service Ontario kiosk transactions

Services to Business and Consumers

- Registrar General office closed - certificates for birth, death, marriage and change of name are not being issued
- No registration or incorporation of businesses
- No searching or filing of liens
- Ontario Business Connects and Access Ontario closed
- No consumer mediation or consumer advice by telephone
- Ministry of Environment Public Information Centre closed
- Reduced hours at Land Registry offices (1 p.m. - 4 p.m. only)
- Issuance of Certificates of Authentication for notarized or commissioned official documents

Workplace & Employment Services

- Employment standards staff will not inspect workplaces, receive walk-in clients, investigate complaints or answer all enquiries
- Inspectors will not inspect workplaces for health and safety but will respond to events occurring in workplaces on a priority basis
- Office of the Worker Adviser will not investigate files, answer all enquiries, conduct educational meetings with client groups, attend hearings
- Pay Equity Commission will not investigate complaints, conduct educational meetings or answer all inquiries

Ontario Travel Information

- Ontario Travel and Information centres closed

Although the Government of Ontario will continue to work hard to provide services to the public, it won't be business as usual. There may be disruptions to some services.

For up-to-date, pre-recorded information on services, as of March 13, call toll-free 1-866-933-9233 or visit our website at www.ontarioservicesupdate.com

A message from the Government of Ontario

Call us with your sports tips
286-1288



World-class trail system in the works

We have set the bar high. The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network wants to create a world-class trail system in Haliburton County – trails that are constructed and maintained to the best possible and consistent standards with distinctive, high quality signage and trail infrastructure.

The Trails and Tours Network has produced a manual for trail development available to anyone upgrading existing trails or constructing new ones. The manual establishes design and construction standards for trails, signage and trailheads. Using this manual will result in trails that are easy to find and follow; easy to maintain; attractive with durable, informative signage and trailheads; environmentally friendly; and consistent in look and quality with other trails in the County.

We have been touring the County with manual in hand, making presentations to groups and talking to individuals. The initial reaction to the manual has been mixed. Many are excited at the prospects of having great trails. Others are concerned about the costs involved. Others say we have set the bar too high.

I disagree with the skeptics. It is well documented that tourism trends over the last decade have resulted in increased resident and visitor demand for outdoor activities that typically take place on trails. It has also been shown that when trails responding to these demands are well designed, managed, and marketed to high standards, the resulting economic impacts can be significant. A positive first time experience will keep trail users coming back time after time. Look at the boost the snowmobile industry has given the local economy thanks to the good work of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and other area clubs. This is also possible for other trail uses.

In an earlier column I posed the question – dare we think big? After considerable

TRAILS&TOURS

Barrie Martin

reflection my answer is that we must think big. Not big city big but Haliburton County big – we must make a big effort to realize the full potential of our community, culture, natural environment and trails.

Application of the standards outlined in the manual will help us achieve gold. Have a look for yourself. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact the Trails and Tours Network office.

From January to May 2001, John Marsh of Trail Studies Unit, Trent University, lived in England and conducted research on the planning and management of protected areas, the countryside and trails. Here are a few of his observations about trails in England.

1. For historical reasons, England probably has more kilometers of trails per hectare and per person than any other country.

2. Most trails, while often on private land, have a legal status that guarantees public access and makes them very difficult to close or eliminate.

3. In addition to numerous short, local trails, there are long distance trails, trails along canals and an increasing number of rail-trails. Some trails are recognized as part of a European network of trails.

4. Over the last five years the central government has embarked on a strategy, now largely implemented, to do the following:

- Confirm the legal status of all trails
- Show all legal trails on detailed

Ordnance Survey maps

c. Bring all these trails up to a high standard of maintenance

d. Ensure all such trails are properly and comprehensively signposted

e. Encourage appropriate use through educational and legal means

f. Undertake the above with the help of paid staff and partners.

1. The dominant use of this trail system is for walking, which occurs year round.

2. New trails and routes are being provided for cyclists and equestrians.

3. A recent research report on multi-use trails indicated that there were few conflicts between various trail users, despite some perceptions to the contrary.

4. Heavy use of trails in sensitive areas has produced unacceptable environmental

impacts that are generally being rectified by surfacing such trails with various types of natural and artificial materials.

5. Despite some environmental impacts and crowding no restrictions have been placed on levels of use and no fees for use are being charged.

6. Fees are often imposed for parking at trail heads and for maps and interpretive materials on trails.

7. Most counties have appointed paid staff to develop, manage and maintain trails, though they are usually assisted by non-government organizations, such as the Ramblers Association, and volunteers.

8. There are some problems with littering and vandalism on trails, and from theft from cars at trailheads.

9. By Canadian standards, large amounts of government funding are being spent on developing, managing and publicizing this trail network.

10. While most trail users are from the U.K., some trails get considerable use by foreign tourists, and their importance especially to the rural economy is recognized.

11. The recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease led to the closure of most trails, and some parks, in England, including some in cities.

12. There is an ongoing debate concerning the necessity for this, and the timing of reopening trails. Those concerned with

farming tend to want trails closed, while many tourist interests now want them reopened. When I left the UK in late May, the disease was said to be under control, there being few new outbreaks, but a majority of trails were still closed.

13. It is not clear whether the closure of trails had much impact on the spread or control of the disease.

14. As a result of the closure of trails, many people stopped visiting the countryside and the rural tourism economy suffered considerably. This was unfortunate but it increased the appreciation, especially by politicians, of the social and economic importance of trails.

15. There is a very considerable literature on trails in England (from brochures to research reports), much of which can be accessed by the Internet. Some of this literature is available for inspection at the Trail Studies Unit at Trent University <http://www.trentu.ca/academic/trailstudies/>

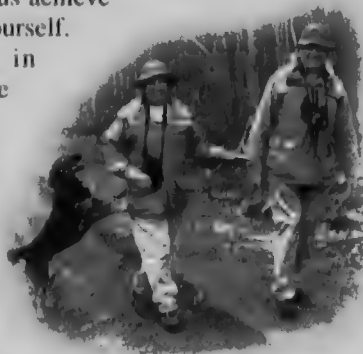
Our display and trail brochures were hot items at the Outdoor Adventure Show and the London Boat, Cottage & Fishing Show as Network staff and volunteers worked with the Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses to promote Haliburton as a tourist destination. We will also be present at the Travel and Leisure Show April 18-21 at the International Centre in Toronto and the Cottage Life Show.

The Network in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce is making a big splash on the Internet – with our SPLASH pages, that is. One of our pages www.haliburtontrails.com promotes winter trail activities; the other www.haliburtontrails.com lures traffic to our main web site to access a larger bank of trail and tour information.

Both pages are designed to place well with the search engines. Take a plunge and check them out!

The Trails and Tours Network is hosting two events in the month of April. On April 20, 10 am – 12 noon join us for our fundraising auction sale at the Minden Legion. Do you have an item that you would like to donate for our auction? Also learn about website basics at our third workshop being offered in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce on April 21 at Bonnieview Inn.

For more information about these events contact Laura at 705-286-1760, 1-800-461-7677 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca



Summer Jobs IMPORTANT NOTICE To Employers

Summer Career Placements is a wage subsidy program that enables employers to hire students during the summer for a period of 6 to 16 weeks. Private, public and not-for-profit employers are invited to submit their application by:

April 2, 2002*

The objective of the program is to provide students with work experience related to their field of study. Applications will be evaluated based on the quality of the experience offered, local and regional priorities as well as available budgets.

To apply or to find out more about this program, please contact your nearest Human Resources Development Canada office or call 1 800 935-5555.

Internet: www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

* Please note that the application deadline for the Northwest Territories and Nunavut is April 9, 2002.



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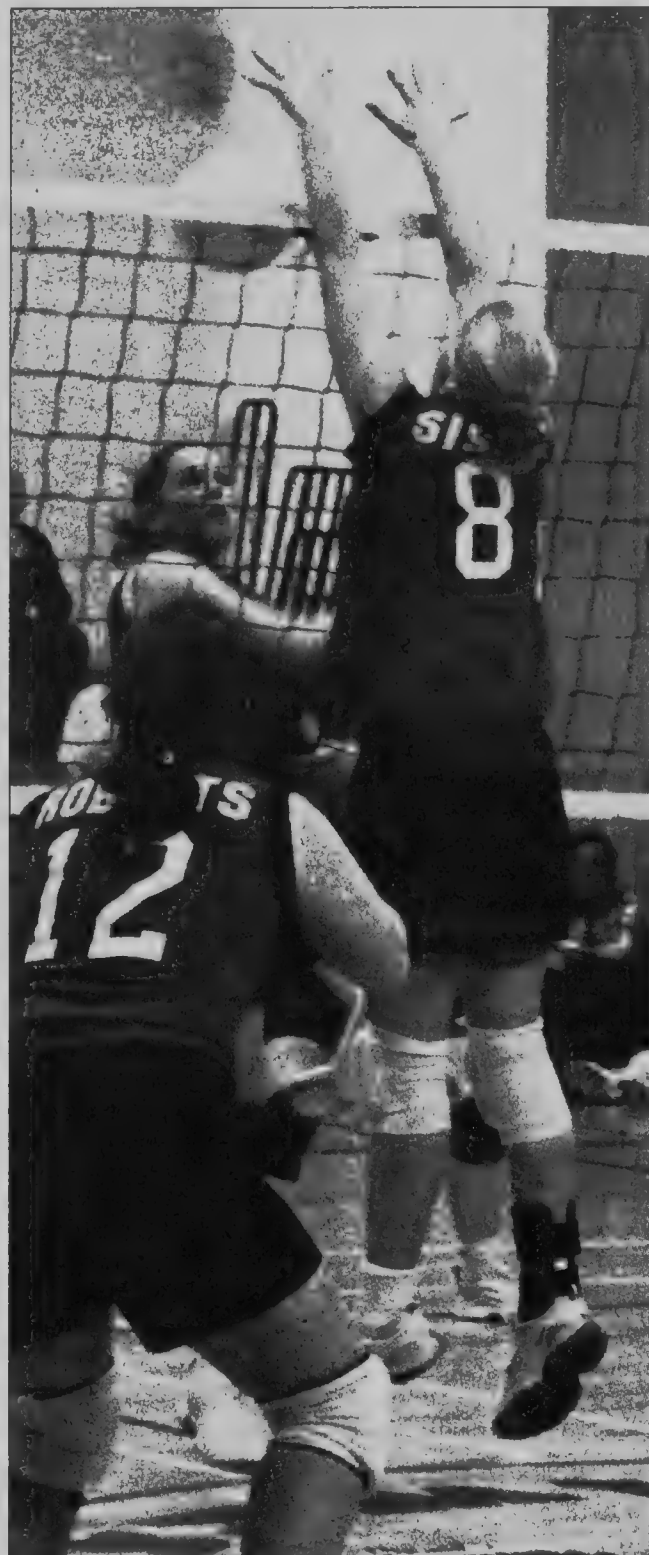


Red Hawks host OFSSA tournament



The "AA" OFSSA senior women's volleyball tournament, held over three days March 5-7, attracted nearly 300 athletes from high schools all over the province. Though the hosting HHSS Red Hawk team didn't win any game, they held their own against powerhouses such as Chatham and nearby rival LCVI. Caley Sisson, Kerry Schaklaar and Liane Dron played strongly throughout the event. Saint Theresa High School won the tournament.

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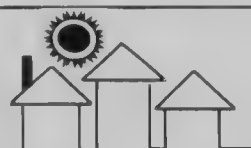
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MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

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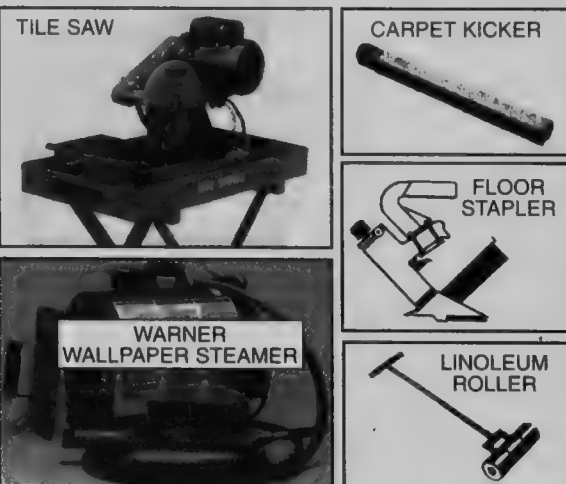
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Tenders to be opened at 12:15 p.m. on
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Kevin Hill,
Road Superintendent.
(705) 286-1260



County of Haliburton

Roads Department
Box 880,
3 St. Germaine Street
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Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

LOAD RESTRICTIONS

As per By-Law #2216, County Roads #'s 1 to 10, 507 and 648 South (Dyvo Mine), shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any County Roads during the Load Restriction Period.

Single Trip Permits issued by the Roads Department, for transporting over dimensional loads on County Roads, will still be issued but shall be subject to the reduced loading conditions during the above noted period.

Mr. Gary King
Mr. Jim McMahon

C.A.O.
Road Chairman



County of Haliburton

Box 880,
3 St. Germaine Street,
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Tender No. 2002-17

Rehabilitation of 5.3 kilometers on County Road No. 121 (North) From County Road No. 18 to the Allsaw Bridge

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario until:

12:00 Noon local time on Friday March 22, 2002

The Tender Document has been prepared for bidding on two alternative treatments for the above noted section of roadway. The Tenderer may submit a bid on either of the two Alternative Treatments or for both.

'Alternative Process No. 1' comprises a 'Cold In-Place' recycling treatment whereby 75mm of the existing asphalt surface is milled and replaced with the equivalent depth of recycled material and overlaid with a 50mm HL4 Surface Course.

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Furthermore, the scope of the work shall include a complete reconstruction of the Blairhampton Road intersection. The new features will improve vertical and horizontal alignment and incorporate the construction of a new turning lane. This work is to be considered as 'New' construction and will be carried out as part of both Alternative No. 1 and Alternative No. 2.

Tender Documents will be available, for viewing only, at local Construction Exchanges and the County of Haliburton Roads Department office.

For further information contact:
Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager at (705) 286-1762

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE

(File No. SRA-01-16)

Applicant - DON & KIM GOYNE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4 and 5, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Snowdon.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4 and 5, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7246, registered February 14, 2002.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 20th day of February, 2001.

Brendan Bérubé,
Planning Administrator,
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
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ATTENTION: EQUIPMENT OWNERS

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For further information, contact Mr. Clayton Cameron, Public Works Superintendent, at telephone no.: (705) 286-1260.

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Tenders to be opened at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2002.

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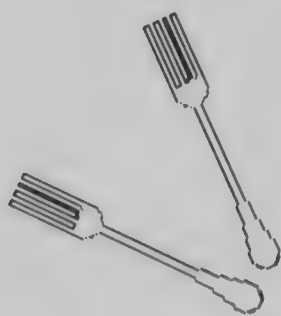
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Mastering the art of baking in Minden



Master Baker Marian Markowski, the owner of Rachel's Bakery in Minden, recently went to the Olympics of the industry.

When you achieve the top of your profession, the world comes to you. That is one of the things Marian Markowski learned since he became the first Canadian Master Baker about a year ago.

Markowski recently attended the Food and Beverage Show in Toronto at the request of a major supplier of fine food products from around the globe.

Christopher Stewart, a representative for Elco Fine Foods Inc. was at Rachel's recently making preparations with Markowski for the Food and Beverage Show. Elco is supplying Markowski with high quality ingredients and products for the bakery and the Master Baker was using those products to produce some sinfully delicious cuisine.

"Right now we're testing some of the products," Markowski said as he prepared some chocolate covered treats for Valentine's Day, a couple of days before he was off to the Food and Beverage Show in Toronto. "Elco is the best company and they want to work with the best pastry chefs," Markowski said.

"We have the Master Baker of Canada representing the master distributor of fine food products from Europe and who best to have on board than Marian," Stewart said.

As Canada's first Master Baker, Stewart said it was only natural that his company would approach Markowski to help represent Elco's many and varied products at the three-day Food and Beverage show. He will also be attending the Bakery Showcase with sponsorship from Elco later this month.

Stewart said the Food and Beverage Show, which is open to the trade only, is the "Olympics of the industry", while the Bakery Show is the "Olympics of fine cuisine." Chefs and purchasing agents representing the finest restaurants, resorts and major hotel chains from all across Canada attend to see what's new and what's happening in the trade, Stewart explained.

With regard to Markowski's selection as a representative of Elco's products, Stewart said, "We wanted the best we could find to come and work with us in our booth to help promote our products — someone who could demonstrate to our clientele the ease with which our products



Christopher Stewart, a representative of Elco and Master Baker Marian Markowski prepare for the Food and Beverage Show last month.

can be used and, more importantly, pay homage to its quality."

Although the show was not open to the public, it was so popular with people in the trade that some attendees waited in line for as much as an hour to get in. As a representative of one of the big suppliers, Markowski was issued with a badge allowing him free access to the show.

While Markowski was at the Food and Beverage Show he was approached by the Vice-Consul of Canada for Iceland, who tried to entice the Minden resident to take his talents to that country. Although he was flattered at the offer, Markowski declined.

During the show, Markowski had a visit from the singing chef and host of the TV show "Today's Cooking with Chef Pasquale."

The Baker's Showcase, which is coming up on April 28-30 at the Toronto Congress Centre, is held every two years. It features exhibitors like the Food and Beverage Show, but it also has contests and competitions, an entrepreneurs' roundtable, numerous seminars and workshops.

The January/February issue of the Bakers Journal, the voice of the Canadian baking industry, contains information on the 2002 Baker's Showcase. In the eight-page spread which highlights the agenda of the event, is a photograph of Marian Markowski's winning entry from the 2000 baking contest.

If everything works out according to plan, Markowski, with the sponsorship of Elco and the companies it represents, will compete at the World Baking Competition, which is held in France in April. Markowski won't be going to the event this year, but he is looking forward to testing his baking talents against the best in the world in 2003.

In the meantime, the master baker from Minden isn't content to sit back and bask in the limelight. He has plans to become a producer of superior quality items that he can wholesale from his Minden store. Maybe, one day soon, Elco will be a distributor of the Markowski line of products.

If he has his way, Markowski will put Minden on the map of the culinary world.

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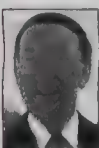
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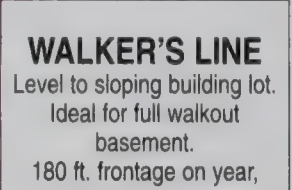
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February was a mixed bag of rain and snow

That was a short month but with a lot of action. Starting on the first day, we had a thunderstorm and freezing rain, snow and wind. Then, we had a roller coaster of temperatures. One day cold with north winds and the next day warm with south or south-west winds. The winds seemed to control the conditions for February.

The month was a bit warmer than last February, with more precipitation, especially rain. Time will tell us the conditions for March.

Congratulations to the Township of Algonquin Highlands and its Stanhope airport. The weather reports on the new computer and weather station are excellent. There are no forecasts, but current conditions 24 hours per day are great. Temperatures, rain, wind direction and strength and barometric readings and updates on whether they are rising or falling. Have a look at www.stanhopeairport.com.

WEATHER REPORT

By Phil Graham

Temperatures in February

Average high	0c	32f
Average low	-11.3c	11.6f
Average for the month	-5.6c	21.9f
Average for last February	-6.8c	19.7f
Highest temperature Feb. 25	11.0c	51.8f
Lowest temperature Feb. 5	-26.5c	-15.7c

Rain	55.4 mm	2.1 in.
Snow	33.0 cm	13.0 in.
Total precipitation	88.4 mm	3.4 in.
Total precipitation for last Feb.	79.2 mm	3.1 in.
Snow on ground Feb. 28	19.0 cm	7.8 in.
Snow on ground last Feb.	65.0 cm	25.5 in.
Total snow Nov. 1 to Feb. 28	159 cm	62.5 in.
Days mostly sunny	8	
Days with snow or rain	13	
Days with thunderstorms	1	
Days with freezing rain	1	

Learn the ABC's of healthy nutrition

Local residents will have plenty of food for thought as an education campaign begins in March to spell out the ABC's of healthy eating.

March is nutrition month across Canada. To mark the event locally, two agencies in this area plan to raise awareness that proper nutrition is crucial for a person's health.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is working with the Heart Connection to promote the need for healthy eating at home, work and play. The campaign includes public displays, contests, initiatives to reach people at their workplace about healthy eating and tours of local supermarkets to help people make healthy food choices when they shop.

"We are what we eat," says Elsie Azevedo, a Public Health Dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit. "By that, I mean what we eat today can determine how healthy we are in the future."

Fruits and vegetables are a good example. Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating suggests people eat five to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Doing so may help reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer and other diseases, says Azevedo.

More needs to be done in this area. A recent telephone survey conducted for the Health Unit found nearly three-quarters of local residents do not eat fruits and vegetables five or more times per day as recommended by health experts.

Azevedo says people should learn the ABC's of nutrition to improve their eating habits and improve their health.

A stands for Anti-oxidants, which are found in brightly-coloured fruits and vegetables, grains and meat. Anti-oxidants include Vitamin C, Vitamin E, selenium and beta-carotene and help people stay healthy.

B emphasizes the need for B vitamins which help a person's body use energy from food. B vitamins also keep a person's nervous system healthy. You can get all your B vitamins by choosing a variety of foods from all four food groups in Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating.

C is for Calcium which helps people build strong bones and teeth and reduces the risk of osteoporosis. Healthy adults need three to four cups of milk and milk products to fill their calcium needs each day.

If variety is the spice of life, says Azevedo, it's also essential for healthy eating.

"Don't believe that any one food is magic bullet for health," she cautions. "Instead, a variety of foods can help improve your nutritional health."

Besides general nutrition information, a major part of Nutrition Month activities is to inform people on the job about the importance of making time during the day for healthy eating.



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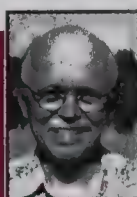
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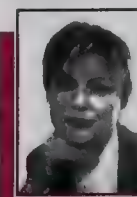
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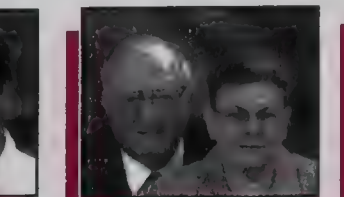
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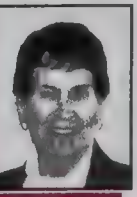
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Happy thoughts and nifty nails at Hyland Crest

Thursday is our day to gather for Senior League and where we left off last week with our Tea Party to take place that afternoon. It was our Birthday Tea and to top it all off we ordered out from Mark's Restaurant. Everyone really enjoyed the change of menu with the birthday cake being donated by Minden Health Care Auxiliary. We also send a thank you to Brenda Henderson and Sheila Burke who helped with the event.

Friday morning Diners Club met to discuss the menu for St. Patrick's Day dinner and, of course, our Easter dinner. That afternoon at Happy Hour, a good time was had by all, thanks to the entertainment of Les Schell and Earle Cooper.

On Saturday, we enjoyed bingo in the upper dining room. Everyone seems to enjoy bingo, while Nellie Ranson was our big winner taking home the jackpot, Lilian Harrison, Margaret Besse, Mary Goldsmith, Harold Orsborne and Keith Brannigan all managed to call bingo and take home a prize. Pearl Cowan and Brenda Henderson were our helpers, as usual.

Sunday we enjoyed Service led by Rev. Everall, while Anne McAdam helped out. This week, our service was based on "Women of the Well." We also enjoyed the regular visit from Rev. Burgess and we appreciate his faithfulness and kindness. Sunday was a special day for Harriet Loucks as she was the lucky recipient of our Leisure Bath this week, which she really enjoyed.

Monday, many mourned the passing of Brant Sisson. Brant was not a resident of Hyland Crest but well known due to his many years living in and contributing to the county.

Alice Morrison enjoyed the Gentle Hands program, which brings one on one to those not able to get out to other programs.

Monday saw another bingo game played downstairs and Harold Orsborne was the jackpot winner. Other winners includ-

ed Alice Sedgewick, Mary Goldsmith, Betty Emslie and Margaret Foote.

Tuesday, Pastor Ashley Taylor held Chapel upstairs, while downstairs our volunteer Marylene assisted others in Prayer Friends. We appreciate her devotion to this worthy program. That afternoon our craft group finished the decorations of shamrocks and little green elves, but are still working on Easter in full force. Brenda did a great job and we do hope Dottie is feeling better. Jean Dukta was in as usual to chat with us and many do look forward to her visits.

Thank you to Laura who took time to do the Nifty Nails program this week. Everyone is looking great thanks to Nifty Nails and our new hairdresser Ginger. Thanks, you're doing a great job.

The card sharks were out on Wednesday with Roy Nicholls and Mary Goldsmith playing against Alice Sedgewick and Blanche Wright. The score went four

games straight and that's all we'll say as not to cause any more trouble. We did have another winner that day but not at cards. Margaret Foote enjoyed her turn at the Leisure Bath spa and she did enjoy it.

Wednesday is also a quilters day and many enjoyed leisurely sitting and chatting as their hands worked away. Lilian Harrison was pleasantly surprised when her Goddaughter Susan and her husband Bruce dropped in out of the blue and took her to the Pepper Mill for a reportedly wonderful dinner.

Wednesday evening, the Hillbillies entertained us at Pub Night. We thank all for coming in and brightening up our spirits.

We must say thank you to our little two year-old visitor Jordyn Greer who kept us all in smiles the whole night. It's so nice to have a little one around.

This week our birthday wishes go out to Germaine Levesque on the ninth and Ed McKelvey who celebrates on the twelfth.

We would like to wish Elaine Barjarow a long and happy retirement and say thank you for her many years of faithful service to us in the nursing department. We will miss you Elaine.

On that note we will say goodbye until next week, so stay well until then.

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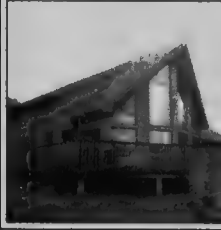
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The wrath of the lady bug

An old saying that sometimes the cure is worse than the disease. This past summer Ontario's once common nine-spotted ladybug has been largely replaced by two alien species originally released in the USA to eat up crop pests. For gardeners, in particular, the ladybird's arrival used to be a welcome sign of Spring's approach.

This year was different. The visitors never left – preferring to spend the winter in every corner of our houses and cottages. Nothing was sacred, not even your toothbrush!

Actually there is a sacred connection. Did you know that since ancient times



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ladybugs have been named after gods in some 50 different languages? In medieval times the English gave them the title of "beetles of Our Lady" linking them with the Virgin Mary's mercy.

I have never been fond of housework. In today's politically correct jargon I can fairly be labeled "domestically impaired." Now there's a new daily chore added to my list. After the column is finished, with Hoover in hand, I'm off to vacuum up the mounds of ladybirds who have succumbed overnight to hypothermia on the windowsills in the old section of the farmhouse. The familiar childhood rhyme "Ladybug, ladybug fly away home. Your house is on fire, your children alone" still sings in my memory. At least I know in this job I won't be alone!

Lochlin Community Centre is having a Pot Luck Supper at 6 o'clock on Wednesday, March 13. There will be a hearty stew provided. Admission is by donation at the door.

Get those creative juices flowing by learning "One Stroke Folk Art" with Lori Raymond Saturday, March 16 at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. For information/registration call 488-2938.

Scoring Results:

It's good to hear that attendances are up again. February may be the shortest month on the calendar but sometimes seems the longest.

Thursday, February 28 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: For most lone hands, Doreen Francis was the winner for the ladies and Todd Edgson for the men. High scores went to Elva Paisley and Milton Fletcher and Iris Taylor and Neville Whiteside took the low. Todd Edgson, Tom Mack and Neville Whiteside were the lucky winners of the evening's other prizes.

Friday, March 1 duplicate Bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: The North/South winners were Maria and Nick Lehoczyk with 58%, followed by Mike Collins and Bill Sandford with 53%. East/West winners were Stella McMillan and Ross Davies with 57% and Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf second with 55%.

Saturday, March 2 bid Euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Esther Lee was first with 329 (including one game score of 99 points) followed by our own reporter Ruth Kellett with 289. In the hidden score department, it was Georgina Deeks, Elva Paisley and Mildred St. Thomas, while Margaret Fletcher and Esther Lee took the moonshots.

Monday, March 4 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: First place honours went to Dean Chambers, with Esther Lee second. Draw winners were Jayme Longfield, Janet Martin and Ed Hisson. Thanks to Elva Paisley for her update.

Monday, March 4 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Ken Wallace reports that Cliff Woolner won for lone hands and Jean Randall and Peter Farr were high

lady/man. Low man and lady were Rhoda Woolner and Stan Dutka. The baloney went home with Ruth Kernohan.

Monday, March 4 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For lone hands it was Lynn White for the men and Verna McDonald for the ladies. Kay Naylor and Bill Van Dyke held the high scores and Laura Carnegie had the hidden score. Ed Hisson was low man and Jeanne Keliele low lady. Draw winners Jayme Longfield and Verna McDonald extended their condolences to Ed Hisson who got skunked.

Monday,

March 4 bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Marjorie Paradis had high score, with Rob Evans second. Esther Lee and Sharon Evans had a moonshot each and special prize winners were Isabel Cherwenka and Bill St. Thomas.

Tuesday, March 5 euchre at Gelert: Congratulations to our reporter Audrey Vick who took high lady honours, while Mary Wilkins was low lady. Harold Harvie and Gene Newell were high/low man respectively. Dorothy McElwain was the lone hand winner and Bob Vick won the special prize.

Tuesday, March 5 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: It was Elli Langpohl in first place, with Rob and Sharon Evans and Marcel Roussel completing the top quartet. Another quartet "The Four Moonshots" was made up of Kay Smith, Georgina Parkes, Anne Baker and Howard Smith. Hidden score winners were Len Kroes, Verna McDonald and Don Burch.

Tuesday, March 5 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors' Social Club mixed shuffleboard results: The high scoring duo was Syd Lockhart and Helen Skelding with 434, followed by Pearl Cowen going solo with 410. Beverley Alexander and Lottie Ruttan were a close third with 409 while John Naylor and Iris Freeman took the low score honours with 187.

Tuesday, March 5 contract bridge at Stanhope: Congratulations to Helen Rice and Betty Roszell on their slam. In the high score department, it was Betty Roszell with 5590, second Wynne Hansen 4770, third Helen Rice 4680 and fourth Gloria Moore 4330. Morris Hansen won the lucky draw and Stella McMillan received the SGSBS Special Award. Yes folks it's true our "Stella Got Struck By Starlight!"

Wednesday, March 6 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: There was a tie at 55% for the North/South between the teams of Betty and Frank Schlotter and Rita and Glen Lockhart. The results in East/West were close, with Betty Dicker and Harold Cox first at 56% and Kelly Metcalf and Bill Sandford second with 55%.

Wednesday, March 6 euchre at Stanhope: The winning moonshot trio was Bev Swick, Sharon Evans and Ray Moore. For the pinks, Jane Swick had the highest score of 370, Esther Lee was next with 339, followed by Jean Dutka 269. Bev Swick 284, Dick Coffey 267 and Len Kroes 260 took the honours for the whites.

Wednesday, March 6 euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High scores went to Sally Taylor for the ladies and Glenda Swanton for the men. Isa Hilyer and Harold Harvie were low lady and gent. Bob Vick took lone hand and Sally Taylor and Truman McNeil were also in the winners' column.

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- **Mondays:** C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre Supper at C.H.A.C.E. Minden, 4 - 7 p.m. \$4 per family. Call Julie at 286-1770, and ask "What's for Dinner?"
- **Wednesdays:** Job Talk - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn to speak up in a job interview, free, make new contacts. Call to register, 457-3412.
- **Thursdays & Fridays:** Ontario Breast Screening Program. For women 50 year and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment, (705) 328-6175.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **March 11:** Alzheimer Society Support Group informal support meeting, Haliburton, Extensicare Activity Room, 1 - 2:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns. You are not alone. Refreshments provided. For info. call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.
- **March 11, 12, 13 & 14:** Badminton, Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball, consecutively, at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Jr. at 5:30 p.m., Adults 6:30 p.m. A loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Phone 766-9968 for more info.
- **March 11:** Drop in for a game of Contract Bridge at Home Support in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.
- **March 11 - 14:** March Break activities at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre, Minden: March 11 - Wizard Wands & rings; March 12 - Wizard Pen and Notebook; March 13 - Activity morning, "St. Patrick's Day"; March 14 - Bingo at 11 a.m. Call 286-1770 for more info. or to register. Small material fee.
- **March 11 - 15:** March Break 'Beach Trek' Vacation Bible School at the Burnt River Recreation Centre, 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sponsored by the Coboconk Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada. Phone 454-3421 for more info.
- **March 12 - 21:** Thumper the Rabbit will be visiting C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden). Stop in to pet and feed Thumper.
- **March 13, 20 & 27:** Folk Art Classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. with Linda Smith. Phone 766-9968 for more info.
- **March 13:** Wheels to Meals at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt, 12 noon. Come out for a great meal! Reservations are required. Please call 457-2941.
- **March 14:** Drop in for a game of Checkers, 1 - 4 p.m., at Home Support in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.
- **March 15 & 22:** Yoga Class, with Allie Chisholm-Smith, MES, B.A. Honours, 10 a.m., at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call Allie at 789-0367 for more info. or to register. Also, Playgroup, a self-directed program open to parents/caregivers and their pre-school children. Program offers toys, activities, songs, crafts and parenting info. Fridays, downstairs in the Dorset Recreation Centre, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call Elise at 766-1382.
- **March 15:** Join Home Support for a game of Cribbage, at the Drop-in Centre, in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.
- **March 16:** H.A.R.C. (Haliburton Association of Recreational Canoeists) invites you to a general meeting to discuss liability protection for its members and the possibility of incorporation with regard to insurance. Haliburton M.N.R. Forest Fire Base, 3 p.m. Walling's Rd. (by the bridge near the high school). Your input is required to determine the future direction of H.A.R.C. Please make every attempt to attend.
- **March 16:** Dorset Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner at the Dorset Recreation Centre, starting at 6 p.m. Call 766-0238 to reserve. Adults \$7.50, \$5 for children 6 to 12 years, free to children under 6, and a special price of \$20 for families of four.
- **March 15 & 29:** Alzheimer Society of Victoria County Satellite office at the Kinmount and District Health Centre every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A family and caregiver support group is held in the Centres lower level, from 1 to 3 p.m. Open group. Please call 878-0126 for more info. A portable library is available in your area for home viewing.
- **March 19:** Community Policing Meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 7:30 p.m. Call 766-9968 for more info.
- **March 19:** Alzheimer Society Support Group informal support meeting, Minden, Staunworth Terrace, 44 Parkside St. from 1 - 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 8 p.m. You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns. You are not alone. Refreshments provided. For info. call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.
- **March 19 & 20:** Victoria Haliburton Soccer Travelling Team Registration at I.E. Weldon School, Lindsay, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We are trying to field a girls' team, ages 10 - 14 welcome.
- **March 19 & 23:** Stanhope Soccer League Registration. March 19, 7 - 9 p.m., March 23, 1 - 3 p.m. Boys and girls ages 5 - 14 as of Jan/02. Cost: \$20. Stanhope Firefighters Hall, North Shore Rd., Carnarvon. Health Card required. Call (705) 766-9968 for info.

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 of Scarborough, and Aunties,
 Cheryl Downs and Gillian Noel

440 THANK YOU

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU
 to my family and friends for their
 support. Also, a sincere thank
 you to the ambulance team,
 staff at the Haliburton Hospital
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 "When you see the hearse
 come by that's when I'm re-
 tired." Thank you again, **Mariet**
Vandenbrink.

MANY THANKS TO all my
 friends and family for your never
 ending help, support, cards,
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 thanks to Michelle and Matthew
 Allore who have helped me
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 my life much easier during this
 tough time. Thanks, **Ryan Cole.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

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 ment
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DAVIS, FRANK - In loving
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 all.
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DAVIS, FRANK - In loving
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 But in our hearts you're always
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 Sadly missed by son **Willis.**

460 OBITUARIES

SANDRA EILEEN
ROBERTSON
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 in her 57th year.

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 ing sister of Ed "Bill" and Joan
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2.29 lb.

**Hot House
Tomatoes**

Product of Mexico
or Canada,
No. 1 Grade
2.84 kg

1.29 lb.

**Maxwell
House
Ground
Coffee**

1 kg Tin

4.88 ea.

**Seedless
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Canada No. 1



.99 ea.

Delisle Yogurt
Creamy or Selection

Selected Varieties
150 - 175 g Cup

3/.99

Bakery
Cookies

Chocolate Chip, Hermit, Oatmeal,
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Chocolate Macadamia Nut, 350 g

2/5.00

**McCain Punches
or Iced Tea**

Selected Varieties, Frozen
355 mL Tin

3/.99

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Puddings or Juicy Gels**

Selected Varieties
4 x 99 g

3/3.99

Deli

**Black Forest Ham or
Country Kitchen Ham**

Brandt or Maple Leaf
1.21 / 100 g

5.49 lb.

**Chef Boyardee
Pasta**

Selected Varieties
418 - 425 g

.79 ea.

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